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Tories reveal shocking extent of council's financial crisis

HARLOW Council is in even deeper financial trouble than previously feared, with the revelation that it could end up being a staggering £10m in the red.

In a disclosure which dwarfs last year's £1.8m budget black hole, the authority's new Conservative rulers admitted this week that patching up the shocking financial position is a "huge challenge".

Tory leader Andrew Johnson and his deputy Simon Carter warned some projects may be held up for years as they struggle to get the council back into the black.

Before the May election which ousted the ruling Labour/Liberal Democrat coalition, it was predicted spiralling costs and inflation would lead to a shortfall in the council's general fund, needing £2.4m of savings by the end of

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2008-09 just to safeguard current spending.

But since taking control and analysing the books, the pair say they have discovered even more serious financial problems, including:

- an extra £1m shortfall in the current budget, set in February, due to over-estimated income from fees and charges, under-estimated energy costs and inflation plus an unexpectedly high fee from Government auditors;
- a £1m shortfall in the 2007-08 housing capital budget because £800,000 was 'borrowed' from the following year's budget to plug a gap and because the proceeds of Right To Buy property sales have been diverted to essential non-

housing projects;

- a potential £1.5m shortfall in the 2007-08 non-housing capital budget because of over-optimistic expectations of income from the council's asset disposal programme and a decline in Right To Buy sales;

- a gaping £4m potential hole in the 2008-09 non-housing capital budget due to dozens of projects either being promised or already given the go-ahead despite the council not having the money to pay for them.

On top of this, the authority needs to find £400,000 to replenish reserves after panic-raiding them in January following the last budget crisis. Taken altogether, the financial pressures add up to a potential black hole of £9.9m at the end of 2008-09.

Mr Carter told the **Star** the startling figure was a "worst-case scenario" based on a collapse of the council's asset disposal programme – but

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Alan and team off on cultural tour of Japan



A VETERAN Rotarian from Harlow is to lead an exchange trip to Japan as part of an exciting scheme to expand the horizons of local young professionals.

Alan Leverett, a member of Harlow Rotary Club since 1989 and twice its president, will accompany a team of five ambitious young adults from throughout Essex for the four-week educational and cultural experience.

The 59-year-old surveying consultant, of School Lane, has been appointed by Rotary District 1240 to lead the annual Group Study Exchange, which is organised with a different country each year.

The participants – Essex County Council performance manager Shane Bartley, Castle Point Council communications manager Lea Fountain, Essex Fire and Rescue Service information manager Alex Kaye, University of Essex participation officer Nicola Wood and Chelmsford's Riverside Ice and Leisure marketing officer Janet West – will spend four weeks experiencing all aspects of life in

JAPAN-BOUND: Pictured, clockwise from bottom left, are Lea Fountain, Alex Kaye, Nicola Wood, Alan Leverett, Janet West and Shane Bartley (s)

Japan.

Five days will also be spent by those on the trip working in areas specifically related to their own vocation, observing how their jobs are undertaken abroad.

Aimed at helping people in the early stages of their careers to climb the ladder, participants get to experience the host country's culture and institutions, develop new personal and professional relationships and exchange ideas. Their travel is funded by the Rotary Club and meals and lodging are provided by local Rotarians in the host country. A group from Japan will also visit Essex later in the year.

Mr Leverett said the group is now preparing for the trip in October by learning some basic Japanese and reading up on the country.

"I am sure the 2008 Group Study Exchange team will be excellent ambassadors for both the UK and our Rotary District 1240, and will return as better people for the experience they gain," he said.

Lunch treat for OAPs



(photo: KONSMPF/02)

ALMOST 80 elderly people were treated to a free lunch laid on by a local pub.

The Herald, in Broadley Road, continued its twice-yearly tradition

of organising a three-course meal last Tuesday.

Guests, some from Halyday House and Hinton's, were entertained by a singer.

NHS careers day

SIXTY years of the NHS is to be marked with a recruitment fair highlighting the variety of careers available in health care locally.

West Essex Primary Care Trust is holding the event at St Margaret's Hospital, in Epping, next Saturday from 10am-3pm to coincide with celebrations of the diamond anniversary.

As well as posts for nurses, health visitors, specialists, school nurses and healthcare assistants throughout Harlow, Epping and Uttlesford, information will also be available on administrative and clerical positions with the NHS.

Details about NHS jobs is also available from (01279) 827854 or www.westessexpct.nhs.uk

Breathing visitor

A NEW facility for sufferers of lung conditions was visited by Harlow Council chairman Tony Hall in one of his first civic duties.

He called into the Breathe Easy Drop-In Centre, at Purford Green Community Centre, Tumbler Road, and spent time chatting to staff and users.

The next drop-in centre session takes place on July 15 from 2-4pm. For details, call (01992) 578694.

Adult help sought

VOLUNTEERS are needed for a scheme helping some of Essex's most vulnerable youngsters.

Essex County Council's Independent Visitors Service gives residents the chance to make a difference to the lives of children in foster care or residential homes by visiting them or taking them out for just a few hours a month.

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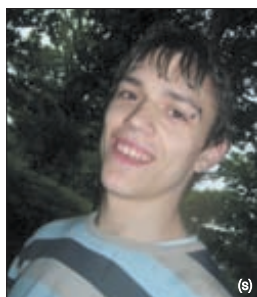
PROCEEDS from a charity day at DG & Co hairdressers, in Market Square, Harlow, on Sunday will go towards Alcohelph, which educates children on the harmful effects of under-age and binge drinking.

Beauty treatments will be available all day and there will be bands, dancing and games.

Shades for a day

CHAIRMAN John Knapman and vice-chairman Penny Smith were among Epping Forest Council staff who donned their sunglasses last Friday for Shades Day, and annual event in aid of Guide Dogs For The Blind.

Spanish holiday student falls to death in prank



A STUDENT died when he plunged from a Spanish hotel window during a holiday prank. Mark Day (20), pictured above, formerly of Elwood Close, Harlow, was in Magaluf with friends when he died on Sunday evening.

As a forfeit for losing a hand of poker, he was dared to strip to his underwear and sprint along a fifth floor hotel corridor – but he lost his balance, hurtled towards a window and plummeted 12m (40ft) to his death. Paramedics tried to revive him but he was pronounced dead at the scene. Keen badminton player and Arsenal fan Mr Day had just completed his end-of-year accountancy exams and was on holiday to celebrate.

Raised in Harlow, he moved to Braintree, Essex, with his parents, sister and brother about eight months ago.

On Tuesday, former neighbour Maureen Salle paid tribute to a "very polite boy" and offered her condolences to his family.

"It was such a shock to hear about Mark, especially when you've watched someone growing up," she said. "He was a very polite boy and would always say hello."

Dilemma of the girl with no identity

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A TEENAGE girl fears she has been condemned to a life of exclusion due to a blunder which means she has no proof of her identity.

Jade Jacobs-Brooks (16), pictured right, has no birth certificate, no passport and no way of proving who she is because of a mix-up when she was born prematurely during a holiday in Spain.

Spanish officials issued a temporary passport to get her back to Britain in 1992 – but when the family got home they were told her birth could not be registered because they did not have the necessary documentation.

And despite her parents contacting 10 Downing Street, Buckingham Palace and lobbying MP Bill Rammell since 1997, Jade is still no closer to getting the documents.



(photo: MFD2MR2/J01)

The situation came to a head recently when she applied for a Saturday job at Sainsbury's only to be told she cannot be employed until she can prove who she is.

Now she is worried she will never be able to get a job, marry or go abroad.

Speaking to the **Star**, the former Burnt Mill pupil, of Longfield, Harlow, said: "What really upset me was when I tried to get a job at Sainsbury's – I thought everything would be fine because I had managed to get myself a National Insurance number, but when I said I had no identity documents the attitude changed."

"It was as if I was in the wrong and was on the fiddle, or trying to do something illegal. I

felt like I shouldn't be there."

She added: "I just want to get this situation sorted out because it's stopping me doing all the normal things people do. It's really getting me down."

Her father Victor (52) added: "We're at our wits' end. This has been going on for 16 years and it's beyond a joke now. Jade is becoming so depressed."

Mr Rammell said he had "real sympathy" for the family, adding: "The problem is a complex one because it involves the legal system of another country and would be costly to resolve through the Spanish courts."

"I am therefore writing again to the Foreign and Home Secretaries to see if there is anything they can do to help resolve the situation."

Order for car flasher

A PERVERT who twice exposed himself to young girls has been given a three-year community order.

David Liddon (25), of The Hides, Harlow, exposed himself to the teenagers from his car when parked in Hoddesdon.

At St Albans Crown Court on Tuesday, he admitted two counts of indecent exposure.

Ann Evans, prosecuting, said that on February 21 last year Liddon exposed himself to two girls as they walked past his car. They had the presence of mind to take down the registration number of his car and it was passed onto the police.

The same thing happened

again on August 9 last year. Miss Evans said the circumstances were almost identical, with the defendant sitting in his car exposing himself as a teenage girl walked past. On this occasion, the number plate was again taken down and passed to the police.

Judge John Plumstead said that as well as the three-year community order, there would be a supervision requirement to run for the same period.

He told Liddon he must also attend a sex offenders' treatment programme. He is further banned from employment which involves working with children.

Youth boozing targeted

A CRACKDOWN on children drinking is to be launched after Harlow was shown to have one of the worst records for underage alcohol sales in Essex.

Trading Standards, Harlow Council, the police and the Safer Harlow Partnership are jointly tackling the problem after figures showed 35 per cent of shops in

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FLY/DRIVE DAYS: Top, Just some of the many models on show (photo: WS4GCRH/14); above, getting on just fine with the terrors of the universe are, left to right, Luke Hayes (10), Marcus Baker (9) and Jack Barnes (11) (photo: WS4GCRH/09); right, George (4), left, and Daniel (3) Giles get a closer look at remote controlled tanks (photo: WS4GCRH/04)

THOUSANDS of model enthusiasts flew to the Wings & Wheels spectacular at the weekend, making it the best attended show to date.

The two-day event saw 12,000 people pack onto North Weald Airfield to witness an array of model planes, boats, trucks and helicopters on show.

And lurking among the crowds were full-sized daleks from television's *Doctor Who*, which took time out from their usual

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business of extermination to spray inquisitive children with water.

The event, the 22nd to date, also featured 80-plus stalls offering people the chance to purchase everything from models to snacks.

There was also a special display of model planes dating back to the First World War and the Second World War.

Wings & Wheels spokeswoman Jane Stevenson said: "This was the best show to date and it all went very smoothly."



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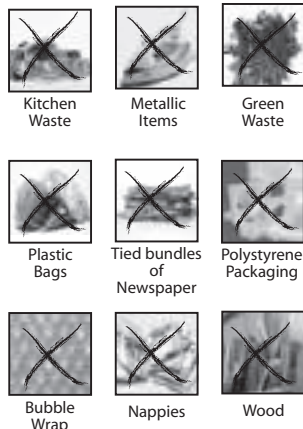
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Ofsted report on college is encouraging

EDUCATION watchdogs have told Harlow College it is making "reasonable progress" in four out of five main inspection areas.

May's Office for Standards in Education monitoring report states that only A-level and AS-level progress was insufficient.

Last September, Ofsted was highly critical of many aspects of education at the college as a result of principal Colin Hindmarch's new teaching and learning strategy, which saw 80 tutors quit, sacked or made redundant.

However, the new report stated vocational and workplace learning and the quality of educational provision, including the college's efforts in the reduction of class sizes, were on the up.

Class observation to aid tutor progress, as well as the management of the curriculum, were also given the okay. But the report said A-level students still express reservations about "the inconsistent quality of teaching" and added: "The legacy of staff turbulence is reflected in poor January module results, including the low level of high grades ... the college has taken swift and decisive action on these results, but it is as yet too early to judge their full impact."

The report compliments the college on the outcomes for apprenticeships, which it said have improved markedly.

Mr Hindmarch said: "This report is a positive affirmation of the progress the college is making as a result of professional commitment and teamwork on the part of all involved."

He added: "The college has been through a turbulent time, but it's time to draw a line under the past and focus fully on the college's future success."

Fears eco-town will affect Harlow North

County's not so van-tastic job



WORKMEN resurfaced a potholed, rutted road – but went around a van! Although Tye Green Village Road residents were notified of the works, the owner of a maroon van failed to move his vehicle.

But instead of letting the problem hold them up, Essex County Council's highways department

workmen ploughed on regardless, laying Tarmac around the van where it stood.

Resident Pat Roberts, of Tye Green Village, said: "Now there is just a big dip in the road."

County council highways cabinet member Norman Hume said work would be finished in the near future.

PROPOSALS for an eco-town 12 miles from Harlow have been met with fears it could have an adverse effect on the town's economy.

A cross-party group of councillors has agreed to oppose draft plans for the 265-hectare site near Elsenham after concerns were raised about its potential impact on any future development at Harlow North.

A report submitted to the policy and resources committee on Thursday warned the proposed eco-town – a development of 5,000 environmentally friendly homes built to zero-carbon standards – would be likely to attract jobs related to the expansion of Stansted Airport and provide serious competition for infrastructure investment and county council resources.

Councillor Chris Millington (Liberal Democrat) said he agreed with the concept of an eco-town but felt its proposed location could jeopardise the future growth of Harlow.

"I'm quite happy that we should oppose these plans," he told the meeting. "In principle, I'm not against the concept of eco-towns but there is no doubt in my mind that such a town near Elsenham would be detrimental to Harlow because of its

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close proximity to Stansted Airport."

His concerns were echoed by new council leader Andrew Johnson (Conservative), who added: "Although I too welcome the idea of eco-towns, this is something the Government has not yet properly thought through."

"I feel that Elsenham is not the right location to build such a town. It would suck the life out of the regeneration of Harlow and the future development of Harlow North, which I am a strong supporter of."

"Ultimately, we're all here to get the best deal for Harlow possible and that's why I won't be supporting this proposed development."

Speaking to the **Star** on Friday, Harlow MP Bill Rammell – also a staunch champion of Harlow North – claimed any development at Elsenham would ultimately benefit Harlow's continuing growth by complementing ongoing improvements to local infrastructure.

"The eco-town proposal makes a firm commitment to make use of the existing infrastructure provision in the area and to include a range of new business sites within the development, thus reducing the need to rely on employment opportunities at Stansted," he said.

Redeeming proposal

BUSH Fair is set for a facelift after Harlow Council gave the go-ahead to the redevelopment of a dilapidated church.

Last Tuesday, planners approved plans to demolish The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, in Tawneys Road, and replace it with a new church, community centre and 14 flats.

The building has been on the site for 50 years but the Rev Paul Fry believes the whole community will benefit, as well as his loyal congregation.

"The current building is tired and we feel a new building is a new start and a plus for the area – as it will be available to the whole community," said Mr Fry.

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Tenants first to feel the squeeze

Tories warn council funding crisis could hit £10m mark

HARLOW Council tenants are set to be the first victims of the £10m budget crisis as the authority slashes its housing budget.

The policy and resources committee unanimously agreed on Thursday to a £1.5m cut in the housing programme to free up funds for the completion of outstanding

"essential" non-housing projects. These projects, which include putting the finishing touches to the new skate park and an upgrade of the council's computer software, have to go ahead either for health and safety reasons or because contracts have already been signed. The juggling of funds will see

£827,000 moved from housing to non-housing spending, which will also be bolstered by 100 per cent of all the money raised from Right To Buy property sales up to the end of September.

The significant cutback in housing-related investment is expected to result in a four per cent drop in the number of council-maintained properties being renovated to meet the Government's Decent Homes Standard – a move likely to anger tenants and leaseholders waiting for much-needed repairs and upgrades. The committee decided against any additional borrowing to cover the shortfall after concerns were raised about interest repayments and the instability of the current economic climate.

Joshua Jolles (Conservative) reluctantly agreed to the redistribution of funding, accusing the previous Labour/Liberal Democrat coalition of mismanagement. However, Chris Millington (Liberal Democrat) claimed the "mess" was largely due to the "scandalous" 75 per cent tax taken by the Government on proceeds from the sale of council properties.

Council leader Andrew Johnson (Con) agreed, adding: "I think it's a real shame that we have to use all of our council house sale receipts to support the non-housing programme. "If we look at the level of under-investment we have to deal with this year, we're losing just over £3m. The Government takes 75p in every £1 we receive from the Right To Buy scheme – it's incredibly unfair."

● THE redevelopment of Maunds Hatch Community Centre has been prioritised after the council admitted re-allocating funds originally earmarked for the project. The authority has pledged an initial £50,000 to start refurbishment, which is expected to cost a further £300,000 to finish and has been in the pipeline for almost five years. A spokesman claimed the initial payment would be enough to appoint an architect.

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he warned that the continuing credit crunch and economic slowdown made this a dangerous possibility.

Mr Johnson said: "I can see now why (former Labour joint council leader) Tony Durcan stood down before the election – we knew when we came in we would be faced with some financial difficulties but I am frankly shocked to find out what we've inherited. When you get into the details it's scary."

"To come into office and discover that you might need to find £10m just to stand still – without doing any of the stuff we want to do – is thoroughly depressing."

"It's going to be a big challenge and we're going to have to take some difficult decisions. The problem we have politically is that if we start selling things off there will be a section of people up in arms about nasty Tories selling

off the family silver. But as much as I don't want to sell off the family silver, we might not have any option."

Mr Durcan scorned the claims yesterday (Wednesday): "Every nook and cranny of the finances of Harlow Council has been scrutinised, revised and looked at both internally and externally."

"If someone is saying that we have deceived the community in this way then what they're also saying is that the officers are corrupt."

"Is what's really behind this that the Conservatives want to privatise and close down services and then shift the blame onto the previous administration?"

Harlow MP Bill Rammell agreed: "Unless the council's chief executive and senior officers verify these claims, then the Tories should withdraw them. I feel this is a smokescreen to justify cuts in service that the Conservatives want to implement."

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VANDALISED: Albert Hobdell at the wrecked pitcher's mound (photo: TS1Z4SZH/03)

Yobs damage baseball pitch

VANDALS have wrecked a Harlow community success story and left scores of children unable to play baseball.

The Northbrook Recreation Ground baseball diamond has been left pock-marked with holes, forcing up to 100 children aged five and above to wait until it is repaired before they can resume play.

The attack came just weeks after the area was refurbished at a cost of nearly £100,000 with funding secured from Barclays bank.

Greensox Baseball founder and coach Albert Hobdell branded the culprits "scum" and said: "They have dug several holes into the diamond and filled them with bottles and smashed them, making it too dangerous for the

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kids to play on.

"I have no idea how much it will cost to replace or how long before we can play on it again. The sting in the tail is that we can't get insurance because it's not secure."

Mr Hobdell, chairman of the Harlow District Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, said Harlow Council had refused permission to fence the area because it was for community use.

"I also asked if their CCTV cameras could cover the ground but they told me they were too expensive," he added.

A council spokesman said on Monday it was disappointed with the vandalism, adding: "The area is only partly fenced off because it is part of a public sports field, which helps keep the team's running costs down. Therefore it is still in public ownership, so we can't restrict – and should not restrict – access to it."

"The team is aware of this and the fact that it is on a public sports field also formed part of the funding bid process for the pitch."

"Like every other public sports field in the town, the only security measures are regular patrols by the council and sometimes the police."

"These can be increased if there is reported anti-social behaviour in a particular area. We would encourage the public who may have information on the vandalism to report it to the police."

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One stop shop for youth 'fantastic'

ENGLAND'S chief nursing officer has praised a centre in Harlow as a guiding light of how partnership working can help youngsters.

Professor Dame Christine Beasley made the comments when she visited the One Stop Shop, in Occasio House, Playhouse Square, as part of a Government fact-finding mission to see how it works.

During Friday's tour, she was told of the services offered and spoke to young people and staff at



(photo: P7KMMX3L/02)

the centre, which is run by agencies including West Essex Primary Care Trust and Harlow Council.

"It is a great opportunity for me to see first hand what is really happening locally for young people," she said. "It (*the One Stop Shop*) is a fantastic example of what happens when all sorts of the official agencies work together."

Pictured are, left to right, lead nurse Mary Jackson, Professor Beasley, student Kirsty Hosmer and advisor Laura Austin.

Police 'failing' to ease school run headache

EFFORTS to relieve the daily traffic nightmare of Harlow's school run are being hampered by the reluctance of police to tackle illegal and inconsiderate drivers, according to a new report.

Criticism of the police's 'softly, softly' approach to parents breaking the rules of the road to get their children to school is top of a list of concerns drawn up by a Harlow Council review group.

But Essex County Council and some schools also come in for flack, with the adoption of School Travel Plans to discourage car use condemned as slow and ineffective.

The review group took evidence

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from headteachers, police chiefs, county council officers and the public.

Problems included dangerous driving, cars on pavements and verges, parking on a junction and a mini-roundabout and children forced into the road.

In a rebuke of the police approach, the group's report states: "The review group were concerned by the answers provided by the police on enforcement. The police seemed to suggest that a 'softly, softly' approach was the best option when dealing with parents who are infringing the law."

"The police raised the issue that there was lack of public consent to enforce the law (*but*) the review

group believed the vast majority of Harlow residents who do not infringe would certainly consent to the law being enforced."

It also notes that 14 of Harlow's 40 schools still have no Travel Plan.

In conclusion, it recommends forming a taskforce including school and police representatives. The council's scrutiny committee was due to consider this last night (Wednesday).

An Essex Police spokesman said: "We find the council's reaction slightly disappointing, if not greatly surprising, as it is their parking attendants who are charged with enforcing restrictions outside schools."

"Illegal and inconsiderate parking on yellow zig-zag lines, double yellow lines or on verges are matters for the council, not the police. Responsibility for enforcement changed hands several years ago."

Strike to hit services

SERVICES are expected to grind to a halt on July 16 and 17 following confirmation of a strike by Unison members.

Both Harlow Council and Essex County Council services are due to be affected by the protest at a nationally negotiated 2.45 per cent pay offer.

Schools could also be hit by the action, with school cooks, dinner ladies and teaching assistants among those represented by Unison.

The councils have pledged to make efforts to keep disruption to a minimum, but Unison bosses

say they expect the stoppage to be widely observed.

Regional union spokesman Ian Barber said: "This decision has not been taken lightly, but years of pay cuts and recent hikes in fuel, food and housing costs has left members with little choice."

"The employers must realise that we mean business. They must also understand they can resolve this dispute by coming up with a decent offer. Our members are loyal public service workers and our case for fair pay is strong."

Theatre's low overspend

THE Playhouse in Harlow overspent its budget by 3.5 per cent in the last financial year, a result deemed a "considerable improvement" by council chiefs.

Despite costing the taxpayer almost £10,000 more than anticipated, the fig-

ures look favourable compared with 2006-07 when it overspent by 23 per cent – or more than £70,000.

Harlow Council community services head Lynn Seward told the audit and improvement committee last Wednesday: "The situation

is continuing to improve and my aim is that this year The Playhouse's spending will come in dead on target."

She also told councillors a new manager had been appointed to replace Paul Griffiths, who resigned in April for personal reasons.

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DISLIKES: Bedtime

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FAVOURITE TV: Bee Movie and Disney cartoons

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Pop

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THE OLYMPIC MOTTO

In 1921 Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the modern Olympic Games, chose Citius, Altius, Fortius (Swifter, Higher, Stronger) for the Olympic motto.

THE OLYMPIC FLAME

The Olympic flame is a practice continued from the ancient Olympics when a flame was ignited by the sun and then kept burning until the closing of the Games. The flame first appeared in the modern Olympics at the 1928 Games in Amsterdam. The flame itself represents a number of things including purity and the endeavor for perfection. In 1936, the chairman of the organising committee for the 1936 Olympic Games, Carl Diem, suggested what is now the modern Olympic Torch relay during which it is passed from runner to runner from the ancient site of Olympia to the stadium in the hosting city.

THE OLYMPIC HYMN

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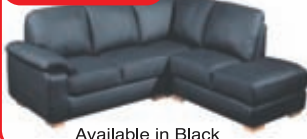
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From maths teacher to TV reporter



WITH the school bells having rung for the final time at Brays Grove, here's a picture of better times at the Southern Way school.

The photo shows the first year form in 1957 or '58 and, if you recognise the man in the middle, it's probably not from his time as a mathematics teacher there.

Monksbury resident John Owen, who appears in the picture too, explained: "We knew him as Mr Sothcott but he went on to achieve local fame when he left teaching to become a reporter on Anglia TV news. On television he used the name Richard Graham."

If you know any more about this local personality, please drop us a line.

A cover story at the market

THE origins of Harlow Market were explored last month in *Nostalgia* – and while today it is undoubtedly a shadow of its bustling former self, it still takes much the same form as it did when it first opened in 1956.

But 32 years ago, it came close to being axed in favour of a trend that had caught on in other parts of the country – an indoor covered market.

In a letter to the Harlow Development Corporation on February 2, 1976, the town's general manager Alan Medd stressed councillors' enthusiasm for the idea and frustration that town centre development plans at the time made no such provision.

"The council has shown great interest in the possibility of having a covered market in the town centre and I believe that, if a suitable site were available, they would be more likely than not to establish such a market," he wrote.



By **BEN WILKINSON**

"Up to now, however, the Development Corporation has not been able to find space within its Town Centre Stage IV proposals. As the latest application shows that the original proposals have already undergone substantial changes, and as the Corporation and Sir Frederick Gibberd stress that the town centre is already under-shopped, I am writing to ask if you would once again examine your proposals to see whether, even at this late stage, space could not be found for the provision of a covered market."

However, in what is perhaps a telling sign of how politics worked at the time, the elected council received short shrift. In a dismissive reply, the Development Corporation's social development officer L.E. White insisted the request came "much too late for serious consideration".

"The whole design of the town

centre with the main north/south pedestrian walkway linking the two major open spaces, the market to the north and the Civic Square to the south, is dependent upon these spaces having a purpose other than the purely aesthetic!" he scoffed. "The Market Square needs a market."

"When this idea was previously mooted, the market traders organised a petition in opposition to the idea, which was signed by many people."

And he added: "When Harvey Centre is completed there will be a shift of emphasis within the town centre. The loss of the open market in the existing Market Square would exacerbate the problem of the existing part of the town centre and its 'poor cousin' relationship with the Harvey Centre."

And that was the end of that. The open air market survives to this day, save for the tin shelters erected in the 1980s, presumably as some kind of compromise.

One wonders whether it has any chance of surviving another 52 years in its existing form ...

25 YEARS AGO July 7, 1983

COUNCILLOR SLAMS NEW ROAD NAMES

A DECISION to change the name of two major roads in Harlow has come under fire from Tory councillor Linda Atkins, who claims they are being re-named after "Marxist" figures. Under the changes, First Avenue-Mandela Avenue immortalises South African Nelson Mandela, currently in prison for his anti-apartheid protests, while Fifth Avenue-Allende Avenue is named after the Chilean martyr Salvador Allende. But other councillors are in favour. Mervyn Juliff said: "We have a road called Elizabeth Way and I don't believe she is a member of the Labour Party."

MISERY IN A HOUSE OF BUGS

A 52-YEAR-OLD man has slammed Harlow Council for renting him a house which he claims is infested with bugs and woodworm. Unemployed Horace Green has asked for his family to be re-housed from their home in

Churchfield but the council say there is no suitable property available.

ALBERT'S CHAIR EASES WAY

ALBERT Hooker (66) of Northbrooks has invented a new type of invalid chair which he says has had a "fantastic" response from local disabled people. Now he is hoping to interest a firm in mass-producing the lightweight 18lb folding chair.

CHILDREN of Epping Infants School are in an interesting temporary home while their site is refurbished. Currently at 23 St John's Road, they have lessons in a building, once known as Centre Point, which was actually the town's original secondary school. As part of a project the children are seeking people's memories of the old school or pictures of the building from times past. If you can help, contact *Nostalgia* and we will pass everything on.

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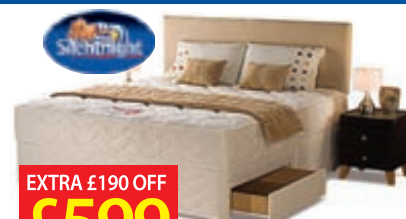
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Funding fear for free swimming in Harlow

A GOVERNMENT pledge to make public swimming pools free to all by 2012 and free to over-60s from next year may not apply in Harlow. Following last year's closure of Harlow Pool in First Avenue, a new wet-and-dry leisure centre is currently being built on former playing fields off Second Avenue and is due to open in 2009.

Announcing its intentions last month, the Government said local authorities could claim a share of £80m to cover the cost of scrapping admission charges for pensioners.

But because Harlow's new facility is being built as part of the Gateway Project with private sector involvement and will not be an entirely council-owned and operated facility like the old pool, it is unclear whether the free admission policy will apply.

A Gateway spokeswoman said: "We don't yet know the full details of how the Government's free swimming provision for over-60s would work as it is too early for them to say but, of course, we would be happy to consider it if the necessary funding was made available."

Footpath reopens after long closure

JUBILANT residents celebrated the re-opening of a much-loved Harlow footpath on Sunday – one year after its temporary closure was ordered by Essex County Council on health and safety grounds.

The barricading of the public right of way through the 13th century Jeans Yardling site, in

By **CHRIS MOSS**
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Tye Green Village, sparked outrage among residents last May, who have campaigned against its closure ever since.

Building firm KP Property Developments – currently redeveloping part of the site into residential properties – sought a closure order on the path last year, claiming it posed a health and safety risk due to the ongoing building work.

The request was granted by County Hall and the firm erected metal security gates to block public access.

But the order, which has already been extended well beyond its initially proposed six-month period, came to an end on Sunday, meaning residents, pictured right, could re-assert their right to roam.

Harlow Civic Society spokeswoman Mag Barrett told the **Star**: "We are hoping this marks the end of years of frustration.

"The developers were claiming there wasn't a public right of way



there at all and when we proved there was, they sought a closure order – we're just hoping they don't get another extension."

Disabled pensioner John Sullivan (75), of nearby Little Brays, added: "I'm glad that the path has finally reopened after all this time, but our

next challenge is to get the gates removed.

"My disability means I'm confined to my mobility scooter for most of the time, so getting in and out of these gates is nearly impossible."

A county council spokesman remained coy about the future of the footpath on Monday, stating: "If a new application for closure is made then we will obviously have to take this into consideration before making a decision."

Tim joins board of hospital

HARLOW'S Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust has announced a new non-executive director on its board.

Tim Escudier – the former managing director of Fujitsu – will be in the position for four years, during which time he will help to develop and maintain strategic direction while providing a sounding board for decision-making.

"I am looking forward to continuing my working with the Trust and will draw on my professional skills and own understanding of the health service," said Mr Escudier.

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Mugabe slur just political banter

SIR, Robert Halfon really should look back through the history books ("Mugabe slur served to trivialise real evil", *Letters*, June 26). When Labour was first elected to power after the war, the then-Conservative leader said that the newly elected Labour government would have to rely on the Gestapo (Hitler's secret police) to govern the country.

Rightly or wrongly, political banter has always been exchanged by the political parties.

The fact remains that within days of taking power, the new Tory council forbade Labour's leading environmentalist councillor from taking part in committee discussions on the very serious issue of waste disposal in Harlow. Very shortly afterwards, the Labour group was awarded just one seat on all the main committees. It takes two councillors to move and second a resolution to get a matter heard.

Embarrassed about their new environmental policies having such an impact on the households of Harlow, with three wheelee bins for every dwelling, no wonder the Conservatives are trying to stifle opposition. Locally, the Labour Party has been quite consistent in the elections it has fought in recent years. It has categorically promised to maintain weekly rubbish collections.

The Tories seem very sensitive to criticism and they have only been in power five minutes – "if you can't stand the heat stay out of the kitchen!".

Michael Danvers
Tunmeade, Harlow

No show at Stow

SIR, I was shocked to read that the police had asked for the help of local businesses at The Stow in tackling the problem of gangs of youths (*Star*, June 12).

I have a business within this area and have never been asked to help; I have also done my own survey and couldn't find one other shop that had been approached. Could it be the police went to the wrong shopping area, because in my opinion the police are not even aware of where The Stow is judging by the police presence in the area.

Does our new chief of police really believe that self-employed business owners have the time to stand about writing a diary? Unlike

Schools quality is a real concern

SIR, As a resident of Old Harlow with two young children just starting out at school, I would like to say how relieved I am to hear that the poor standards achieved at our local comprehensive school has finally grabbed the right attention (*Star*, June 12).

As a parent, poor quality secondary schools in Harlow is one of my main concerns. My fear now is that these schools will make every effort (with the limited resources they have) and will indeed show some slight improvement just to scrape through at the 30 per cent level, but to me this is still unsatisfactory.

It would appear from your article that those responsible like to blame the low pass rates of the children on either social deprivation or government initiatives. To blame deprivation is a poor excuse and these children certainly will be if they are not educated.

I also find this hard to believe when other schools just a

couple of miles along the road manage to do so much better with the same cross-section of children.

And as for too many government initiatives and the teachers not being able to concentrate on teaching, well this is not something new, is it? I think teachers need to start accepting their roles in modern times. The National Curriculum requirements should not be used as any excuse.

What I would like to know now is who will set about understanding the underlying issues which result in so few children obtaining the basic qualifications? And will we, as parents of future students, get to know of them or will this issue just simply lose visibility until 2011?

I believe that it is about time the local community got more involved in these issues and put the necessary pressure on the Government to say that these standards are by no means acceptable. Why should our local children be cheated

out of a decent education and the best possible start in life?

Surely we should be questioning the headteachers who are responsible for running these schools? When will they, as other leaders in business do, learn to stop making excuses and take accountability?

Perhaps we should be questioning the quality of teaching being delivered? Do the teachers know how to inspire children, uphold discipline and encourage learning? It would appear not, but how do we ever get to know? Something fundamental seems to be missing.

The problem is that short of moving out of Harlow, encouraging your child to be musical or sporty or religious to get into a better school outside of town, you can no longer in Harlow be assured that your children will get to attend a decent secondary school and to me this is totally unacceptable and unfair as it just serves to widen the gap

between social classes.

Who can provide me with some assurance that the necessary funding, training and monitoring will be put in place to address the underlying issues at these schools?

Let's do something now, please. I personally like some of the new ideas mentioned but why wait three years to see if things have turned around, at which point it will be far too late for the children currently attending these schools?

A teacher friend of mine said to me recently that you protect your children in every which way you can in life but when you send them off to school you become helpless. How true!

Let's hope the education minister stands up to this challenge or else prepares himself for a serious number of parents refusing point blank to send their children to these schools.

Julie Dunster
The Hill, Harlow

the police, we don't get paid if we don't work and we can't claim overtime.

I have been at The Stow for several years now and have called the police for a variety of reasons, from drug-dealing, fighting, drunks, gangs of up to 50 kids on fireworks night and Halloween, and I have never seen any response, but a few weeks ago the police did attend my shop in response to a civil matter. For legal reasons I cannot go into the details, but I will say that part of this exercise, which took two of our elite service, was to collect an empty cardboard box from my shop! I would love the chief of police and my MP to contact me for an inquiry into this complete waste of police time.

When is this Government, the local council and local police going to wake up to the

facts – writing diaries, ASBOs, tagging and telling off are not going to work.

Wouldn't it be good to have a Government in power that isn't frightened to say and do what the whole nation is thinking?

I would like to add that this is not a slur to the community police that walk around The Stow – I have only seen these officers during the day, not in the evening when the trouble takes place – but I wouldn't want to do their job. Putting them on the frontline without power or protection is yet again another irresponsible action of our Government.

S. Palmer
The Stow, Harlow

Economy isn't all

SIR, Last week Tom Harris MP said that he did not understand why, as a nation, we are all so miserable when we are relatively well off.

The reason for our misery is that our Government believes that national wealth alone determines our happiness. But happiness depends on much more than this.

Having strong, vibrant, secure communities makes us happy. And having a sense that the Government is on our side (rather than riding rough-shod over us) would also make us happy. But the Government does whatever it wishes, with total disregard for communities – always with the excuse of maintaining a "strong economy".

In our own region the Government, hand-in-glove with BAA, has unleashed its appalling plans for expansion at Stansted Airport and vast regional development will follow. This is set to devastate communities far beyond the airport boundary. Our region will be unrecognisable and our quality of life grossly eroded by the time these despots have finished with us.

In short, it's a miserable business having a Government that knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.

A.J. Kurton
Spring Hills, Harlow

Refuse plan is rot

SIR, I'm really angry over the proposal to move our refuse collection from weekly to fortnightly.

If anything, the recycling should be moved to weekly collections alongside domestic waste collections – I recycle everything I can, putting out about five large bags a fortnight and I get fed up having to store bags of rubbish in my house for two weeks. I put food in the compost, apart from meat

as this attracts mice, rats and foxes in to the garden. Plastic, tin, etc. gets recycled and, even though my baby is in reusable nappies, I still have to dispose of the dirty nappy liners, which cannot be flushed and cannot be stored outside the house in the run-up to collection because of the rodent problem.

But all that aside, I have to pay council tax to the grand sum of £240 per month. It's appalling that it may not even buy me the right to live in a rubbish-free home.

Katherine Frances
Collins Meadow, Harlow

Keep on cycling

SIR, I would like to thank all those who took part in the National Bike Week rides last week.

We who cycle know the benefits that cycling can bring, especially in Harlow with its network of pleasant cycle tracks that take you through 'hidden Harlow'.

While Bike Week only lasts for a week, the cycle tracks are always there. While Harlow did not progress beyond the first round in its bid to become a Cycling Demonstration Town, the impetus to develop cycling in the town will not be lost.

As the cost of motoring spirals ever upwards, cycling continues to be an inexpensive, healthy and environmentally friendly way of making short journeys.

Thank-you to those who took part. The facilities are still there for those of you who did not. Try it, you might be pleasantly surprised.

John Curry, CTC Right to Ride Representative
Old Orchard, Harlow

Waiting list idea

SIR, A recent article in the financial section of *The Guardian* newspaper describes Barratt Homes as being "on the critical list" after a further slump in its share price.

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Ron Bill
Upper Park, Harlow

Such a fuel-ish tip

SIR, The latest edition of *Harlow Homes*, the council newsletter for tenants, gives this advice on combating condensation: leave the heating on even if you are not in the house. Haven't they noticed the news about fuel prices and global warming?

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Passed away after a short illness on Tuesday 24th June 2008 in Torquay, aged 50 years. Now reunited with his dear mum who went ahead one month earlier to prepare a place for him. The funeral service will be held at Our Lady, Help of Christians and St Denis Church, Torquay on Friday 4th July at 2.30pm. No flowers please. Donations if desired for Down's Syndrome Association by retiring collection or may be sent to K J Lack Family Funeral Service, 153 St Marychurch Road, Planmoor, Torquay TQ1 3HW. Tel: 01803 313200. "Sweet Dreams"

CARLOS RAYMOND McEWEN

Passed away on Monday 23rd June 2008 aged 47 years. Much loved son of Merle and brother of Ken, Jackie, and Corinne. Funeral service to take place at St Luke's Church, Staple Tye, on Friday July 4th 2008 at 11.15am followed by cremation at Parndon Wood Crematorium at 12.30pm. All enquiries to Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow. Tel: 01279 426990.

WEST Alan

Passed away suddenly on Monday 23rd June 2008, aged 74 years. Alan will be sadly missed by all his loving family and friends. Funeral Service will take place at Parndon Wood Chapel on Wednesday 9th July 2008 at 3.30pm. All flowers and enquiries to Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow. Tel: 01279 426990.

FRED DUNFORD

Formerly of Spencers Croft, died peacefully on Monday 23rd June 2008, aged 83 years. Sadly missed by Joan and family. Funeral Service to take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Friday 11th July 2008 at 12noon. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, may be made payable to "The Prostate Cancer Charity" and sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow. Tel: 01279 426990.

DOWNES (JD)

John Sadly passed away on 1st July 2008. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. The funeral will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Friday 11th July 2008 at 3.00pm. Flowers or donations made payable to "St Clare Hospice" may be sent to Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow Essex CM20 1QP. Tel: 01279 426990.

JOAN O'GRADY

Passed away peacefully on 25th June 2008, aged 86 years. She will be sadly missed by her son Shane, family and friends. Funeral service will take place at Great St Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth on Thursday 10th July 2008 at 1.00pm followed by cremation at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow. Floral tributes and all enquiries to Daniel Robinson & Sons, 3 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, CM21 9DB. Telephone 01279 722476.

JOHN DOWNES

My brave dad who fought so hard. We will miss you so much, our hearts are broken. Love you so much, you will always be with us. Love Tina and Terry.

JOHN DOWNES

No one knows the pain I bear, When I look around and you're not there. I talk, I laugh, I play a part, But behind my smiles is a broken heart. Love you always Sally xx

FAITH BEATRICE HAMP

Passed away in her sleep, 27th June 2008. Funeral at Parndon Wood Crematorium 9th July at 12.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations to Merefield Day Centre, c/o Daniel Robinson, Harlow.

JOHN DOWNES

Dad Thank you for everything, you have been the best dad ever. Our hearts have been broken again, will love you forever. Until we meet again, all our love Jeanette and John xx

JOHN DOWNES

My Dad, my best friend, my hero. Miss you more than words can say. Love always, Tracy and Richard xx

JOHN DOWNES Dad

Your life was love and labour, Your love for your family true; You did your best for all of us, We will always remember you. Love always, John and Pauline.

In Memoriam

DINAH BOLGER

Died July 5th 2004 Dearly loved wife of Derek, loving mother and grandfather to Louise and Molly, and still much missed by all her friends. In our thoughts this day and every day.

JOHN DOWNES

Beloved Grandad. Treasured memories, love always. Gemma, Jade, Hayley, Mark, Ross, Tom and Karis.

RON PETTY

Dad, Grandad Love and miss you more than ever, thinking of you on your birthday 3rd July. Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts. Angela, Paul, Jodie and Jessica. xxx

CHARLES HIGGINS (Charlie)

2-7-68 Dad, you have been gone 40 years, still missing you. You are always in our thoughts. All our love, Roger and Sue

SPOONER John. Pops. Missing you more with each and every year. Love you, Danny, Zoe, Izzi-Mae.

SPOONER John. July 8th 1997. Dad is my heart that loves you, silent the tears still fall, living my life without you is the hardest part of all. Love always, Kathy. x

SPOONER John. Dad. Carrying our memories of you and your smile close in our hearts. Love and miss you always. Love Donna, Darren, Grace, Archie and Chester.

BARRETT David. 30th June 1986. Remembering you today and always, with love Mum and Paulie B.

PEIRCE John Edward Thinking of a dear brother on July 3rd. Love from Sharon, Paul, Matthew and Nicholas. x

PEIRCE John Edward 3.7.67 - 31.3.91 Dearest John. Thinking of you on your birthday. We miss you so much. God bless son. Love forever, Mum and Dad. x

PEIRCE John. Thinking of you on your birthday John, remembering the happy days. Love Steve, Marlene, Garry and Lucy.

LUKE HOLDING

10/09/1978 - 05/07/2006 If roses grow in Heaven, please pick one from us, place it in Luke's hand and tell him it's from us. Tell him that we love him and when he turns to smile, place a kiss upon his cheek and hold him for a while. Remembering him is easy we do it everyday but the ache within our hearts will never go away. All our love Mum, Dad, Ryan Nan and Lorraine xxxxxx

HODGSON Brian. My thoughts will be with you on July 7th, your birthday as always. Love and God Bless, Beryl xx

REDINGTON: JAMES

Died 5-7-2007 'Our Superman' One year has passed and the pain of losing you gets no easier. Thinking of you today and always. Love Mum, Dad, Robert and David & Sarah.

STEGGLES KATHLEEN ELLEN (Kitt)

9-4-1918 - 30-6-2002 Annual memoriams express prevalent feelings But you are constantly in my thoughts. From every awakening moment, To the first shadows of innocent repose, Even then, you grace my dreams. Love and miss you Mum. Love from Michelle, Kevin, and Shannon, the latest family member, your great-granddaughter.

FAMILY NOTICES

Births, Marriages, Deaths, etc.

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SWEETEN STEPHEN "SWEEPY"

Today you would be 51 and you will always be our shining star. Miss U loads. Love Julie, Kelly, Hayley and Michael. xxxxxx

HUNT EDWARD and EILEEN

Mum, Dad, Nan and Gramps. Remembering you on your anniversary 7th July. Loved always, never forgotten. Pat, Eddie and family.

LILY FOX

29-10-1912 - 9-7-2007 Sadly missed by family and friends.

MYERS Ernie. In Loving memory of a dear husband, who passed away 2 July 1985. Loved Always June xx

Thanks

ROBERT BURNS

Joan Wood and family would like to convey thanks to; friends, neighbours, relatives, former work colleagues at Pitney Bowes for their support and tributes over the sad loss of Bob, who passed away on May 25th 2008.

REDINGTON James. 12/3/1979 - 5/7/2007 Nephew and Cousin loved and missed! You are still in our thoughts. Love from Shelagh, Colin, Tom, Matt, Flo, Emily and Arthur Hawkins.

BARRETT David. Time goes by but the pain remains. Love Callies, Patrick, and Sinead

JAMES REDINGTON

5th July One year on from being taken from us, you are still a true hero. Missing you friend, Love Jamie.

JUNIPER IAN

Sincere thanks to all who took part in the celebration of Ian's life, including Rev. Mark Bennet and Daniel Robinson, and for condolences, flowers and donations - £877 in total was sent to RNLI and Air Ambulance.

SYLVIA GEORGINA PALMER

Remembering our beloved's birthday 2 July. We know she would laugh to hear us say Great Lady 75 today. Our love forever, Den and families.

BILL BYGRAVE

My darling husband went to heaven 5th July 2006. How I wish you were still here with me. That deep ache never goes away, you were a loving husband, dad and grandad. Now - greatly missed, remembering your birthday in August. Ine, Dor, John, Pat and Steph stay loving you forever and ever xx

NEWMAN ELSIE "BETTY"

Sandra, John and family would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their flowers, cards and donations to Princess Alexandra Hospital League Of Friends. Also to Marjorie Hale for the lovely service celebrating Mum's life and to Daniel Robinson for their care. She will be greatly missed by us all.

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Family Announcements

ORTEOUS Archie, George, Sandy, Wendy, Adrian and family wish to thank everybody that attended the funeral service for Archie on Thursday June 26th 2008. Also for the lovely flowers and messages of condolences received in their sad loss. Thanks to Henry Moore Ward at PAH and their special thanks to Staff nurses Simon and Abina for their wonderful care of Archie and for keeping the family's spirits up while at hospital. Grateful thanks to Mastersons Funeral Home especially to Jerome who did an outstanding job. Many Thanks to Sylvia Corke for a wonderful service. Also thanks to Old Harlow Bowls Club, to Bob, Tessa, and Moyra for their help at this time of need. Please accept this as the only but most sincere acknowledgement.



HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY TWEET
Love always,
Mum, Dad, Robyn-Lucy, Nan and Grandad.



KIRSTY MACDONALD
Happy 18th birthday to the best daughter in the world.
With all our love Mum, Dad, and little George.



GEMMA DYKES

Happy 18th Birthday,
Love
Uncle Jeff



NIGEL HARRIS
Happy 50th Birthday on the 5th July
Love Lindsey

JOHNATHAN FUNG
Well done,
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We are very proud of you.
Love Dad,
Mum and Sammy. xxx

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DANIEL COLLINS
HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY
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Love Mum, Dad, Leanne and Sophie. xxx



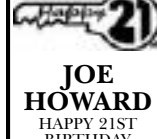
GEMMA DYKES
Happy 18th birthday on 7th July. Lots of love, Mum, Dad, Rebecca and Sarah.



HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY AMELIA
Love Grandad Mick x



To our darling **Taylor**,
Happy 1st Birthday,
Lots of Love & Kisses, Mummy, Daddy, Nanna, Grandad & Uncle Gavin



JOE HOWARD
HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY
July 4th
Love you lots,
from Mum, Molly, Milly, Nan, Grandad Paul, Mandie, Daniel and Grace

Births

CATHERINE COSTELLO and PAUL LEWELLYEN
are proud to announce the birth of
Zara Louise,
7lbs 6ozs on the 28th June 2008.
Lots of love,
Mum and Dad



ZOE NEVILL
HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY
Good wishes for Uni. Love always,
Nan and Grandad



HAPPY 40TH BIRTHDAY NEIL WILEY
Love always, Debbie, Jake and Daniel. x

LINCOLN Jack.
Thinking of you loads on your Birthday, July 10th. Loved Always, Hilda, Michael, Alan and Grandchildren xx



LOOK WHO'S 70!
PETE BATTTERBURY
Time to retire old boy. Happy birthday and lots of love Pat, Glen and Dyan xxx

Thanks

JOHN GEORGE MIDDLETON

Jean and James would like to take this opportunity to thank all John's friends for attending his funeral service on Wednesday 23rd June 2008 in Stevenage. Many thanks for the floral tributes sent, and donations, for the cards, letters and messages of sympathy received on the very sudden sad loss of our devoted son. Grateful thanks to Leanne at the Chequers Pub, Commonside Road, Harlow for the buffet following the service. Thank you to Andy Davison for a very moving service, and lastly special thanks to Jerome and all the staff at Masterson Funeral Home for their kindness, consideration and outstanding service.

Good Luck

TO DADDY, UNCLE DANNY, UNCLE STEVE, CARLA, MARK AND LEON

Good luck on Sunday for the London Road race. Thank you all for raising so much money for my charity, the Jennifer Trust, lots of love and kisses, Annabelle
x x x

Engagements

JAMES ARCHER and LAURA SPRATT
Congratulations on your engagement.
Good luck for the future, lots of love
Nan. H. xxxx

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GEMMA DYKES
With love, best wishes on your 18th Birthday.
Love Nan and Roy



MICHAEL COLE
Happy 18th Birthday on the 7th July, so proud of you darling, all our love Mum, Andy, Pamela, Justin, Jordan and Family
x x x



POWELL
Alan and Heather
Happy Ruby Wedding.
Love from "Your Boys" and Lin, Alan, Verity, Giles, Chris, Lucy and family and Mum.



Happy 18th To Cousins MICHAEL AND ZOE
Lots of love, Aunties and Nannies Sandra, Carol and Sylvia



100th BIRTHDAY
IVY GARNER
8th July 1908
Happy Birthday, Love Peggy, Patricia, David and all the family



KAYLEIGH HENDERSON
Happy 18th Birthday
Lots of Love Mum, Gary, Conor and Aaron, Keri and Dave, Zoe, Dan and Izzi.



JAY
Happy 18th Birthday
Lots of love Mum, Dad, Kirie, Nan, Grandad and Family



CATHERINE COSTELLO
Happy 21st Birthday
7th July.
Lots of love
Mum, Dad and Paul xx



HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY AMELIA
Have a good night go karting.
Love Mum, Neil, Phoebe, Lewis.
xxxx



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Psych unit gets a major revamp

A PSYCHIATRIC intensive care unit at Harlow's Princess Alexandra Hospital is set for a major refurbishment as part of the North Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust's new annual plan.

Shannon House, located at the PAH site, in Hamstel Road, provides psychiatric services and an in-patient ward for residents of Harlow, Epping Forest and Uttlesford, and will now benefit from £40,000 worth of investment by the Trust.

The investment forms part of the organisation's first annual plan since it achieved NHS Foundation Trust status in October last year, allowing it a greater degree of autonomy and financial flexibility.

Trust chief executive Dr Richard Coleman said: "One of the key benefits of being an NHS Foundation Trust is being able to reinvest financial surpluses back into local mental health services."

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Town obesity level a cause for concern

OBESITY levels among adults in Harlow are alarmingly high, according to new data which also shows too many people are woefully under-active.

A whopping 27 per cent of residents are said to be dangerously fat – three per cent above the national average – and just 8.5 per cent are classed as being physically active.

The figures have come to light in a Health Profile which has collated information on 32 health-related indicators for all local authority areas in England.

The data shows Harlow is above the national average in 10 areas, including the number of under-15s not in good health, the number of children in poverty, violent crime, statutory homelessness, teenage pregnancy and the smoking rate.

The information, gathered by the Association of Public Health Observations and released by the Department of Health last week, is based on figures obtained in recent years.

Adrian Coggins, West Essex

By **LOUISE SASSOON**

News Editor

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Primary Care Trust's senior health improvement specialist for Harlow, said the PCT is aware of the town's health issues and said work was under-way to address certain areas. He said a review of its smoking cessation services is underway and partnership working is being undertaken to try to address teenage pregnancy levels.

He also said the PCT was looking at the best way to tackle obesity issues by encouraging people to be more active.

"Living healthily is a shared responsibility and we are working with partner agencies, through the Harlow 2020 Local Strategic Partnership, to help make the healthy choice the easier choice for people in Harlow," he added.

"We don't underestimate how much work this takes and we're investing in understanding people before we design our public health programmes. If we don't have services which appeal to people, we can't expect them to engage with us".

School sweethearts



THE wedding of English teacher Stuart Springthorpe and Essex County Council youth worker Tanya Pringle took place at St Mary Magdalene Church, Harlow.

The couple, who first met while working at Stewards School, will soon be moving

to a new home in the Staple Tye area of town.

The groom is the drummer and founder member of local rock band Warning. After the ceremony, a reception for 150 guests was held at The Link Club, in Parsloe Road.

(photo: Peter James Morgan)

New deacons ordained

IT was a time for celebration for Epping's Christians on Sunday when three new deacons were ordained.

Gill Anderson and Shaun Moore, of St John's Church, and

Sally Lynch, of All Saints in Theydon Garnon, will be posted elsewhere in the diocese, following the ceremony conducted by the Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt Rev John Gladwin.

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Our stars with Patrick Arundell

Looking through the week ahead

Aries Mar 21-Apr 20

If you suffer from excessive nervous tension, a good time to consider ways to tackle this. With Mars and Pluto so strident, if you do decide to tone yourself up or to start walking extra steps each day in order to burn off the everyday stresses, this will be well timed. Looking for a new home? Be it to rent or buy, put aspirations second to affordability. Call now for your financial scope.

Taurus Apr 21-May 21

If you've felt exasperated by the slow rate of change, particularly in home, family or domestic affairs, you can at last inch forwards. You can also make fine company this week and your cheerful demeanour can light up any occasion. But it'd be easy to utter things you don't really mean. Pleasingly, health and energy are on the cusp of a big up-turn. Call for more advice.

Gemini May 22-Jun 21

If you work in sales or you have a favourite cause that absorbs your free time, these can be the platforms where you show what an effective communicator you can be. A home repair that's outstanding can also be solved now. If you put this off, something can eventually become much more expensive to put right. A treat or two can also appeal. Call for your in-depth forecast.

Cancer Jun 22-Jul 23

How much freedom do you feel you enjoy? If you think about and decide not a lot, over the next five months this can become a burning issue and you can buck against any situation that you see as denying your liberty. Fancy someone? Not the best of weeks to lay-on the flannel too thickly. Cancer. However, by its end, you can be very persuasive. Call me for your love scope in full.

Leo Jul 24-Aug 23

If you want something, be decisive, this is not the time to mull over your options, get stuck in. Someone a bit gushing can also feature. You may be a bit unsure, but they may be just a bit fey and basically OK. Making money or other material pursuits may not preoccupy you, but over the week's end, bettering your lot can become a motivating force. Call for your financial scope.

Virgo Aug 24-Sept 23

Rather than avoiding intensely personal issues, even those that leave you feeling raw may be better driven out into the open. Try to be brave about this for if a cloud has been hanging over you or your moods have been up and down this can change. Once you go through the confrontation, even with yourself, you can then start to power forwards. Call your special prediction line for more.

Libra Sept 24-Oct 23

Mars makes a big splash and conversation will have a major bearing on your future. Choose your words carefully and people can be responsive. A love link can come through the family or a face you come into contact with at work. You might find yourself pinching yourself with happiness about this, but going back into an old love may be a gamble. Call now for your love scope.

Scorpio Oct 24-Nov 22

You may be asked to learn new skills or even work away from home. However, as much as events can go your way, there's less chance if you try to bludgeon people into your view of things. Truth will be a valuable commodity. Scorpio, not just as you see it, but the facts themselves. Fortunately, a kindly and wise person can guide you through this. Call now for more news and astral advice.

Sagittarius Nov 23-Dec 21

A windfall or stroke of good fortune in love or loot, are very real possibilities. You may even feel extravagant - especially if you've been conscious recently of living more frugally. Links with people at a distance are also excellent. If you're travelling, this can be something to truly savour. Ambitions wise, a new cycle begins and goals crystallise. Call now for your financial scope.

Capricorn Dec 22-Jan 20

You can have a winsome manner and it could pull an admirer to you. Yet, if you're a bit too full on, someone can judge that maybe you rate yourself more than you should. An element of your situation that faded out last year can also re-emerge. Mars can give you an appetite for exploration such as adventure holidays, backpacking or even camping. Call now for your in-depth forecast.

Aquarius Jan 21-Feb 19

You don't easily bond with others but this week one tie can take on stratospheric proportions, and it really can be a winning partnership. If it's a business one, it can help to bring new avenues of income into your world, ones that have been hard to find in the last 9 months. Someone can also quietly pull some strings on your behalf, behind the scenes. Call now for more astral advice.

Pisces Feb 20-Mar 20

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the guide



ALL SYSTEMS ARE PO

Can a slacker panda master kung-fu?

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Square is in great shape for relaunch



By
CHRIS MOSS

INDEPENDENCE Day takes on a whole new meaning tomorrow (Friday) with the long-awaited relaunch of Harlow's legendary live music venue The Square.

Finally shaking off the shackles of County Hall bureaucracy to reclaim its rightful place at the heart of the community it has served for nearly 30 years, it aims to reopen with a bang courtesy of Wilko Johnson, formerly of legendary pub rockers Dr Feelgood.

It will be the first time in almost a year that over-19s will be able to get into the revamped Fourth Avenue venue – and they can now even enjoy a drink at one of the three new licensed bars.

And while an exciting programme of gigs will ensure the place is kept rocking, the addition of monthly comedy and cabaret nights should have patrons rolling in the aisles as well, starting on Sunday with TV comic Ninia Benjamin, 'Welsh Seinfeld' Bennett Aaron and Edinburgh festival favourite Geoff Boyz.

The SquareOne Partnership – the independent not-for-profit organisation behind the takeover – has been busy putting the finishing touches ahead of the relaunch, but technical manager and



LET'S ROCK: Left to right, Steve Harcourt, Dan Moriarty and Richard Holgarth (photo: N4YWHXCH/01)

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spokesman Richard Holgarth took time out of his hectic schedule to speak to the **Star**.

"I'm tremendously excited about the launch night," he said. "It's been a 10-month slog to get this far but it's finally coming together."

"We've got a fantastic line-up, gig-wise, in the coming months and I'm hoping the comedy nights will prove to be as big a success as they used to be."

"Although the cabaret will only be running on a monthly basis to begin with, we wanted the opening weekend to showcase the varied programme we're going to be offering week-by-week. I can't wait to get going!"

A limited number of tickets are still available for tomorrow's gig and can be booked by calling (01279) 305000 or purchased from Tones Music, in The Rows.

A tale of love and war woven into the history of a conflict

A SATIRICAL look at the foolishness of glorifying war and having idealistic notions of love are explored in Moot House Players' latest offering, George Bernard Shaw's *Arms And The Man*.

Set in 1890s Bulgaria during the four-month-long Serbo-Bulgarian War, the play focuses on the relationships of two heroic soldiers in opposing armies and two pretty girls from different social backgrounds.

Raina is a young Bulgarian woman who has her engagement to her war hero fiancé Sergius Saranoff turned upside down when she falls for a voluntary soldier with the

Serbian Army, only for her future groom to learn of her newfound affections from a servant with whom he's flirting.

A series of events are put in motion in which the ideals of love, life and relationships are questioned in a humorous production, which also gives a fascinating insight into the political climate of the time.

Director Rosemary Caswell said: "*Arms And The Man* is brought to life by an experienced cast and tells of love and war in the Balkans, a story as old as time and as fresh as spring flowers."

"This is a play of depth

which has many levels and, although we have been rehearsing this for a while, we are still seeing things which are bringing us amusement."

"We don't tend to do 'eye-candy' productions – we usually do something which has a bit more depth to it and this offers just that without being too intense."

"It should prove to be a good night out and visually very appealing as three of the cast will be in uniform. It is quite an eye-opener." The production will run at Moot Hall, in The Stow, from July 10-12 from 8pm. Tickets are £8 (£6 concs) from (01279) 639170.

arts diary

DANCE Danceworx Academy presents Around The World On The Dance Floor in The Playhouse main auditorium tonight (Thursday) until Saturday at 7.30pm, with a Saturday matinee at 2pm. More than 100 young dancers showcase their skills from disco to Latin American. Tickets are £10 from (01279) 431945.

DANCE Students from the Karen Chapman School of Dancing will be exhibiting an entertaining range of styles as varied as tap, ballet and freestyle in performances of Alice In Wonderland and Seasons In Time at The Playhouse tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday afternoon. Tickets are £8 (£5 concs) from the box office on (01279) 431945. The curtain goes up on Friday at 7pm and on Saturday 2.30pm.

DANCE Variation Dance Studio performers aged from two-years to adult will take to the main stage at The Playhouse on Sunday and Monday for What A Wonderful World to showcase styles of dance from around the world.

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MUSIC Youngsters from St Mark's Music School, Burnt Mill Music School and St John's Specialist School will be presenting Music Extravaganza, an annual showcase of musical mastery at The Playhouse from 7.45pm on Tuesday.

Everything from classical to contemporary sounds will be performed during the performance in The Studio. Tickets are £6.50 (£4.50 concs) from (01279) 431945.

VARIETY Fawbert & Barnard School presents Harlow Primary Schools Cluster, an evening of dance and music with a global environmental theme when they visit The Playhouse on Wednesday at 7pm. Tickets are £7.50, (£5 concs) from (01279) 431945.

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PEUGEOT

A martial arts romp in the way of the panda

KUNG FU PANDA

certificate PG, running time 1h 32m

KING of the goofballs Jack Black returns to the big screen in perhaps his wackiest guise yet in this superior CG kids' comedy, as an obese panda with the lofty ambition of becoming a kung fu master.

And although he only lends his vocal talents to the role of martial arts-obsessed noodle chef Po Ping, Black undoubtedly provides the extra pulling power for what could easily have been a formulaic trudge through the moralistic mire of kiddie film clichés.

The familiar plotline is essentially a candyfloss marriage of *Rocky*, *The Karate Kid* and just about every triumph-against-the-odds teen drama ever conceived, only with the crucial addition of cute talking animals in place of boring humans.

Even though you already know what's going to happen in the end before you even set foot in the cinema, the laugh-out-loud journey to the daddy of all animal kung fu showdowns is what should captivate audiences of all ages.

Living the quiet life of an unassuming noodle cook in a less oppressive, animated version of China, portly panda Po has always dreamed of being a revered martial artist but has never been able to put down his chopsticks for long enough to get trained.

But when the time comes for a Dragon Warrior – a master of kung fu and heir to the sacred knowledge contained within the mysterious Dragon Scroll – to be chosen to defend the town against the vengeful return of a rampaging ninja tiger, our unlikely hero is accidentally picked.

Wizened old sensei Master Shifu (Dustin Hoffman, in Mr Miyagi mode) is understandably a bit miffed after having trained up five agile warriors to fulfil the position, but reluctantly agrees to help Po begin to learn some rather nifty moves.

What follows is the inevitable tale of self-doubt, determination and iron will as Po struggles with his new responsibilities, but it's executed in such a heart-warmingly hilarious way that it never sinks into the trap of becoming trite and preachy.



PO-FACED: Jack Black provides the voice for Po in KUNG FU PANDA (s)



Boozing hero gets a chance to come clean

HANCOCK

certificate 12A, running time 1h 32m

WITH the new wave of superhero films and comic book adaptations hitting the multiplexes in time for summer, it's a bold move indeed to attempt to create an entirely new kind of superhero spoof to do box office battle with the big boys.

But when you have a Teflon-coated megastar like Will Smith, pictured above, playing the aforementioned superhero, the impossible suddenly seems eminently bankable – and when you add a whole raft of self-deprecating humour and inappropriate boozing into the mix, you're onto a sure-fire winner.

Smith plays Hancock, the comfortably human but largely unreliable superhero who gets the job done – albeit reluctantly, and never without leaving a bit of mess behind.

You've probably seen the trailer, in which he picks up a beached whale and tosses it back into the sea only for it to come crashing down on top of a yacht anchored offshore. Well, it's avoidable collateral damage like this that has seen him fall out of favour with the public and seek solace at the bottom of a bottle.

But when he saves the life of hotshot PR executive Ray Embrey (Jason Bateman), his new friend is so grateful that he insists on helping Hancock rebuild his faltering public image, complete with a snappy X-Men-style uniform – but how far will the sardonic superhero go to become the model citizen he once loathed?

sound check with Chris Moss

RISING triumphantly from the ashes of Lamacq-fancied nearly men Anotherstory, lovelorn indie tykes Morning Parade are starting to cause quite a stir with their Coldplay-meets-Interpol at twilight mini-epics.

Yes, their sound may not be terribly inventive and, yes, there're plenty of wannabe Chris Martins peddling over-earnest, depressing tripe on the pub circuit, but the Parade offer so much more.

The songwriting, for starters, is all heart-on-sleeve honesty with not a crocodile tear to be seen, meaning the sparse post-rock backdrops don't have to over-compensate for any lyrical or emotional shortfall, while Steve Sparrow's often otherworldly voice is by turns haunting and cherubic – the perfect accompaniment for the slow-burning melancholy at the heart of the band's sound.

Picking up where Anotherstory disintegrated, Morning Parade sound fresh, rejuvenated and ready to take on the most ruthless of A&R suits. You'll either love them or hate them, but discount them at your peril.



BAND: Morning Parade
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CD reviews by Louise Sassoon

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Sigur Ros (album, EMI)

Whatever your view on the Icelandic quartet's uncompromisingly epic sound – sophisticated whale songs to accompany the artful lovmaking of lapsed tie-dyes or an elegant orchestra of otherworldly grandeur – there's no denying the unearthly glacial beauty of their fifth album. True, the post-rock pixies haven't really evolved their sound since 1997's jaw-dropping debut *Von*, but when you create shimmering soundscapes as accomplished as these, who cares? Close to their best work to date.

BETWEEN HERE AND THERE

Look See Proof (album, Weekender)

These raucous Hertfordshire lads certainly aren't between anywhere and anywhere when it comes to their musical genre: they're firmly with the tight jeans and narrow tie-wearing indie crowd. Those jaunty guitars, shouty lyrics and fast, cymbal-heavy drums might, for some of us, add up to a style which will never be bettered. But sadly for LSP's prospects, their Futureheads-meets-Air Traffic sound is not so much 'so last year' but more 'so 2004'. Groundbreaking, original or dynamic this is not.

also showing

WANTED James McAvoy stars as an apathetic nobody whose life is transformed when he is recruited into a secret fraternity of assassins and trained by Angelina Jolie to avenge the death of his estranged father.

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN

The Pevensie siblings return to the magical land of Narnia, where they are enlisted to help talking lion Aslan ward off an evil king and restore the rightful heir to the throne of the realm, Prince Caspian, in this superior follow-up to *The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe*.

THE INCREDIBLE HULK

Dr Bruce Banner (Ed Norton) searches for a cure to banish his raging green alter-ego, but a sample of his blood leads to the creation of rival monster The Abomination and the pair take their battle to the streets of New York.

INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL

Indy tries not to put a hip out or have nasty fall while filling up his hot water bottle as he does battle with some pesky Russian villains who may have the key to an extra-terrestrial secret.

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS

Helium-filled fun as Alvin and his annoying mates try to salvage the career of a failing songwriter.

STEP UP 2: THE STREETS

Troubled teens iron out their differences through the medium of interpretive dance in this modern-day hip-hop remake of Shakespeare's *Romeo And Juliet*.

THE WATER HORSE: LEGEND OF THE DEEP

A lonely boy discovers a mysterious egg that hatches into a rapidly growing prehistoric beast of Scottish legend in this likeable children's fantasy adventure.

preview

MAMMA MIA. Adapted from the hit West End Musical of the same name, this is the story of a bride-to-be trying to find her real father in time for her big day, all set to the hit songs of kitsch '70s group ABBA.

Paul Newman reviews a selection of the latest releases on DVD

Jolting return for the beast of war

RAMBO

(Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, 18, retail & rental)

Fans so wanted this to be a worthy sequel to *First Blood* and not just another gormless cash-in on the franchise, hoping for an achievement along the lines of the recent *Rocky Balboa* – a fitting end to the way it started regardless of the variable quality of all that came between.

So it's a joy to report that Sylvester Stallone delivers the goods, and then some, with one of the leanest, meanest and most ferocious action movies in years.

The star/co-writer/director has a perfect grasp of his iconic character and wisely saddles him with no more baggage than a burnt-out, weary contempt for a world depressingly going to hell in a handcart.

The plot couldn't be simpler, opening with John Rambo living in obscurity in Thailand until American missionaries seek him out to sneak them into Burma; when they're abducted by the regime as pawns in the ongoing persecution of the Karen hill tribes, Rambo and a ragtag team of church-funded mercenaries are their only chance of rescue.

What's astonishing for a mainstream film is the degree of jaw-dropping, unbelievably brutal violence on show. It's not the gratuitous, playful carnage of a splatter movie, but violence in the sense that this is what it looks like when people get shot at close range; there are no graceful *Matrix*-like ballet swoops of gunplay, just explosions of red mist and bone leaving appallingly realistic damage.

The first indication of this grim tone comes with a shockingly graphic massacre by Burmese soldiers. Movies usually depict atrocities obliquely, typically opening on the aftermath as a character fills in the details in retrospect, a device giving an audience the information without confronting it with the blunt actuality. But *Rambo* subjects its viewers to the visual trauma of the event itself, more readily recalling war atrocity films such as *Black Sun: The Nanking Massacre* with the sheer intensity of its unflinching gaze.

Yet despite depicting the horrors of war as a deeply ugly thing, it's a totally adrenalinising moment when the tables turn and John J gets up behind a blazing M50; again, Stallone nails the iconography perfectly – at this point, Rambo isn't a traumatised veteran but a gore-soaked, Old Testament god of war and in this world (as, probably, in reality), you don't negotiate or pray regimes like the Burmese junta away – you get yourself a giant gun and turn them to jam.

It's an opinion the Karen most likely share – the film's banned in Burma but it's being reported that the Karen are smuggling copies in and that many are adopting the Rambo's "live for nothing, or die for something" line as a motto.

Star rating: ★★★★★

JASON KING – THE COMPLETE SERIES SPECIAL EDITION

(Network, PH, retail)

The small screen's most unruffled, sophisticated playboy adventurer gets the full treatment in this excellent eight-disc release from Network of his sadly short-lived 1971 solo spin-off series.

No longer in the employ of Department S, ridiculously successful author King (Peter Wyngarde, at his fully unrestrained, urbanely camp best) spends his time



courting beautiful Euro babes, ducking his publisher's deadlines and stumbling into peril in a world heaving with gourmet cuisine, fine wines and exotic stock-footage locations.

More playful in tone than *Department S*, these 26 episodes usually find him the target of nefarious plots due to his fame or embroiled in the loose threads of old cases and contacts, with guest stars including gorgeous Hammer starlets Ingrid Pitt, Madeline Smith, Yvette Stensgaard, Kate O'Mara and Stephanie Beacham plus familiar faces Dennis Price, Michelle Dotrice, Freddie Jones, Ralph Bates, Felicity Kendal, John Le Mesurier, Burt Kwouk and Patrick Troughton.

Extras include a commentary for one episode, stills, music and the Wyngarde-starring TV play *The Cross Fire*, set in Algeria during colonial rule and featuring Eric Portman and Ian Hendry.

Star rating: ★★★★★

TAXI TO THE DARK SIDE

(Revolver Entertainment, 15, retail)

Filmmaker Alex Gibney follows his hugely influential exposé *Enron: The Smartest Guys In The Room* with this Oscar-winning, angry look at America's shameful and systemic use of torture to further its War On Terror.

Focusing on the abduction, incarceration, torture and murder of innocent Afghan taxi driver Dilawar at the hands of US soldiers in Bagram, the documentary talks to those who carried out the abuses of basic human rights and the victims who survived it while unravelling the confusingly opaque culture of encouragement which came direct from the White House and made such crimes inevitable.

Using previously unseen and distressing images from

inside Bagram, Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo Bay, it's an enraging, emotionally devastating portrait of the powerful flouting basic morality and international law in the ignorant conviction that intelligence obtained by torture has any value whatsoever, and then subsequently evading responsibility and punishing those at the bottom of the chain of command. Harrowing and essential viewing for anybody who cares about truth and freedom – and what's being done to undermine them in, ironically, the guise of protecting them.

Star rating: ★★★★★

SPIDER FOREST

(Tartan Asia Extreme, 18, retail)

Korea seems to have cornered the market in melancholy, tragic supernatural drama and this intelligent, slow-burning tale is no exception.

After discovering the bodies of his girlfriend and a man splashed around a remote cabin in the eponymous woodland, recently widowed TV producer Kang Min chases what he believes to be their killer, is attacked and subsequently run down by a car.

He awakes from a brief coma to find gaps in his memory and painfully begins to retrace his steps, but the recovered pieces of his past begin take on an ominous tone as the truth becomes clearer.

With elements of *Memento*, *Jacob's Ladder* and even *The Man Who Haunted Himself*, director Song Il-gon crafts a quietly absorbing mystery, perhaps occasionally a little confusing in its multiple flashbacks but tinged throughout with a profound sadness and an atmosphere of mounting dread.

Star rating: ★★★

★★★★★ unmissable ★★★★★ very good ★★★ good ★★ fair ★ don't bother

Ben Wilkinson, Jim Tanfield and Chris Moss

REPEAT AFTER ME

The Corrections (album, EMI)

This fine record of guitar-led, warped electronica recalls fond memories of Hope Of The States, The Stills and other similarly underrated bands. Unlike them, however, The Corrections have the mainstream edge that could bring them singles chart success. *Full Stop* is a slice of perfect, chilled out rock and *Barcode* taps in to a fashionably jaunty sound while very much retaining its own stamp of originality. Promising.

THE JONAS BROTHERS

The Jonas Brothers (album, Hollywood)

Pop rock with a distinctively youthful edge, this is reminiscent of the now defunct teenage rock band Busted. As such, it's likely to be loved by teeny boppers with attitude as well as teenage girls with little interest in the musical side of things. One fears the Jersey boys' shelf-life may expire once they get a few more hairs on their chests.

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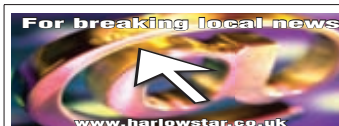
Coldplay (album, Capitol)

Hardcore supporters sometimes don't like it when their favourite artist changes their vibe but Coldplay have managed to pull it off with this latest offering. Arty both lyrically and in its production, every track is mature in its execution and bound to get a big thumbs-up from their enormous body of fans.

SATELLITE-STATE

(EP, IRL)

Make some toast and put it in a large bowl of coffee. It should now be limp with a slightly bitter aftertaste, right? Well, that pretty much sums up the wacky wetness of these Guildford-based softies. Each of this EP's four songs is either trying to emulate Snow Patrol's BBC-charity-programme-begging-clips-montage-track *Chasing Cars* or some 'vleuurgh!' Coldplay anthem.



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A hard act to follow

CERTAIN cars are born great, others have greatness thrust upon them. Then there's another category of cars that have pimplly adolescents thrust upon them.

Into this category came the Citroën Saxo VTR, a car that developed a cult following among those who craved performance and style but couldn't stomach big insurance bills.

Such was the success of the VTR model that it came to account for a disproportionate percentage of total Saxo sales, giving Citroën a decidedly peachy bottom line.

Time, however, caught up with it and, as ever more sophisticated rivals waded in, a replacement was sought. In the distinctly unconventional shape of the C2 VTR, Citroën reckon it's found it.

After the familiar form of the Saxo, the C2 VTR comes as something of a shock. Unlike many cars that create a sudden negative or affirmative response regarding their styling, the C2 provoked a riot of discussion about whether that 'round at the front, sharp at the back' shape worked. The closest we could get to consensus was that it looked at first striking, then awkward, but once you took time to get your eye used to it, yes it did work.

What's beyond any reasonable doubt is that the VTR version looks a whole heap better than the

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standard shopping trolley version. With a chunky sill and spoiler kit as well as 16-inch alloy wheels and colour-keyed bumpers, the VTR does a great job of walking the fine line between aggression and juvenility.

So many manufacturers try to create a sporting hatch and just end up producing a car that few over the age of 22 would ever be seen dead in. With a long pedigree of producing credible performance hatches, Citroën hasn't fallen into that particular trap.

Powered by a 110bhp 1.6-litre 16-valve engine, the VTR walks the walk, too, accelerating to 60mph in 10.7 seconds and running on to a top speed of 121mph.

Of course, this isn't premier league hot hatch territory, but neither is the Group 6 insurance rating – one of the key attractions for younger customers. They'll also give thanks to the VTR's ability to average 45mpg in everyday driving conditions.

Citroën has been spectacularly successful in offering incentives that have lured young drivers to embark upon the Citroën way and the VTR is bound to be no different. Look for cashbacks and free insurance offers and if none is forthcoming, try the Citroën dealer down the road.

It's impossible to carp about the C2 VTR value proposition. Weighing

CITROËN C2 VTR 1.6 16V



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| Insurance group | 6 |
| CO ₂ emissions | 151g/km |
| Performance (1.6 110) | 0-60mph 10.7s/max 121mph |
| Fuel consumption (1.6 110) | (combined) 45.9mpg |
| Standard safety features | Twin front and side airbags, ABS with EBD and EBA |
| Price | £11,695 on the road |

in at £11,695, if you take underlying inflation into account, the VTR works out at less than its sparsely equipped Saxo predecessor retailed at seven years ago and it's equipped with a semi-automatic Sensodrive gearbox.

It's now accompanied by a 125bhp VTS model priced at £800 more and a VTS HDi alternative which comes in at £1,000 more again, but the VTR is still likely to be the big seller. With 10bhp more than its Saxo predecessor and a whole bunch more standard equipment, the £995 premium being asked for the latest VTR model over the old version looks reasonable value.

Despite being even shorter than a Saxo, the VTR is easily able to seat four in comfort. Lessons have been learned from the reception given to the C3 interior and the C2 adopts many of the funkier styling touches such as the ventilation system and the bar rev counter and introduces a few of its own.

Interior materials quality has been improved with the introduction of

the upmarket dashboard also found in the C3 featuring high-grade plastics and silver detailing. There's a wide range of trim choices from sober monotones right up to the most extrovert two-tone designs.

The steering adjusts for rake and reach plus there's a height adjustable seat. Few will have any cause for complaint given the amount of space in the front of the cabin as it feels no smaller than the C3, a car already renowned for its spaciousness.

Like the C3, the C2 gets a can holder ahead of the gear lever as well as generously proportioned door bins that can accommodate a 500ml bottle of pop.

Access to the rear isn't bad and Citroën has displayed admirable pragmatism in failing to pretend that the C2 is anything other than a four-seater. So many small cars cram three belts in across the back and end up trussing occupants up like a leg of lamb, but the two rear seats of the C2 are well sculpted

and respectable in terms of knee and shoulder room, although taller passengers may feel the sloping roof impinges on their coif.

The VTR also gets the rear seat system where the seats individually slide, recline, fold and tumble. This allows the owner to optimise luggage or passenger space by sliding the seats on runners, but in order to fold the rear seats fully flat, the front ones need to be run a long way forward, precluding this possibility for long-legged drivers and front passengers. It's also fitted with a tailgate that splits into two sections to ease loading in tight spots.

With a number of safety features that include twin front and side airbags on all models and power assisted steering across the range, the C2 VTR looks a decent buy.

Big car features like anti-lock brakes with electronic brakeforce distribution (EBD) and brake assist are fitted as standard, as are sports seats and even cruise control – surely a first for such a tiny car.

If you really want to push the boat out, the VTR can be specified with Citroën's RT3 system, incorporating a voice activated phone, satellite navigation and a five-disc CD autochanger.

Owners and insurers alike will be relieved to hear that Citroën has fitted a proper Thatcham-approved anti-theft alarm as standard.

The C2 VTR has a serious weight of expectation resting upon its little shoulders. So far it seems to be bearing up extremely well.

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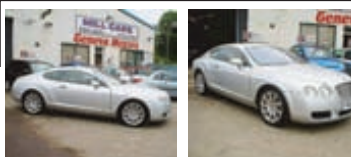
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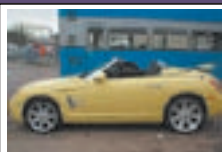


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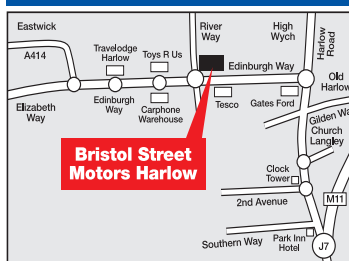
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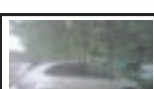
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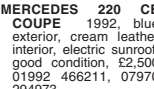
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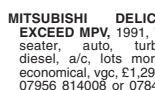
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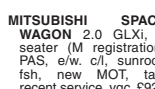

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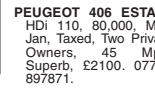
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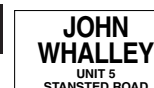
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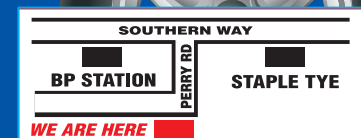
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Email: suf@cypress.com Web: www.cypress.com

Please note that the closing date for applications is Monday 21/07/08.

Recruitment

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Bishop's Stortford College ASSISTANT TO THE COLLEGE ACCOUNTANT

We have an opportunity for an experienced accounts assistant to work with the College Accountant on a variety of tasks involving reconciliation of control accounts and maintenance of a number of key records which are used as part of the College's audit papers. The position requires understanding of the principles of accounting rather than being a ledger posting post.

The post is for 10 hours per week, working Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. This is not a term-time only appointment.

If you would like more information about this opportunity, please telephone David Baish on 01279 838586 by Friday, 4th July, 2008. You may also wish to visit the college website.

CVs and letters of application, together with the names and addresses of 2 referees, should be marked "Accounts Assistant" and sent to the Accountant at: Bishop's Stortford College, 10 Maze Green Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM23 2PJ.

Closing date for applications: 18.07.08
Interviews: 25.07.08

(Appointee subject to Disclosure)



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Salary and allowance, according to qualification and experience, is above national scale. Accommodation may be available if required.

For further details and an application form, please contact:
The Headmaster's Secretary: Tel: 01279 838603, Fax 01279 836570,
Email: hmssecretary@bsc.biblio.net or visit our website at
www.bishops-stortford-college.herts.sch.uk

Applications to: The Headmaster, Bishop's Stortford College
10 Maze Green Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM23 2PJ
with CV application form and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two referees.

CLOSING DATE: 30th July 2008
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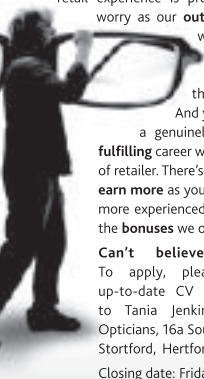
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Visits to the school are welcomed and can be arranged by contacting the Headteacher's PA on 01992 573028 ext 202.

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Closing date: Friday 11th July 2008.

EXPERIENCED TIMBER YARD ASSISTANT

Bishop's Stortford Timber Merchant seek an experienced yard assistant.

Good product knowledge including fencing materials required.

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Ref: T0053a

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12 month fixed term contract

We require an enthusiastic person to join our staff team as a Work Placement
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If you have Construction/Engineering experience and enjoy helping young people to
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**Student Services Directorate
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Broxbourne****Learner Support Fund Assistant**

Ref: T0116

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Term time only, 30 hours per week

Supporting our students is really important to us and we are now looking for
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Ref: T0127

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You will provide accurate, up to date information & advice and an enrolment service
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Please note: A pay award is pending on all the above roles.

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The right candidate for this role will be ACA/ACCA Qualified Accountant (or equivalent) and have exposure to IFRS coupled with excellent Excel skills. Previous experience or knowledge of SAP and PowerPoint would also be an advantage. **Ref 1662**

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Further details can be obtained from Nina Cole on 01920 824332. Closing date for applications is 9th July. hr@stedmundscollege.org.

The College is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children, therefore, all candidates will be required to undergo an Enhanced CRB check.

St Edmund's College, Old Hall Green, Nr Puckeridge, Herts SG11 1DS



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Town defeat close rivals

HARLOW Town increased their lead at the top of division three by beating one of their closest rivals.

Woodford Wells batted first after winning the toss.

Ashley Alderson bowled with good pace and claimed two early victims, one with the help of a good catch from wicket-keeper Pat Yates, who went on to take three more catches.

Simon Rowell finished with 2-15 while James Hayter (3-6) took out the lower order as Woodford made 109.

In reply, Karl Secharan top scored with 29, while Alderson smashed an unbeaten 27 as Harlow cantered to 113-4.

In the same division, POTTER STREET (178-6) defeated Molehill Green (176-6) by four wickets.

Harlow Town II's (201-8) beat Newport II's to stay in second spot in division five.

Club stalwarts Nick Teale (45) and Paul Smith (40) were the main run makers before Charlie Coleman's 5-19 did for Newport 149.

Harlow Town II's (265-2) beat Langley II's (137-9) by 128 runs in division 7. George Irving hit an unbeaten 110.

In the same division, Potter Street II's (174) lost to Three Caps (175-4) by six wickets.

Derby delight for Epping

EPPING closed the gap on their neighbours with a thrilling victory in a big-hitting match in division three of the Shepherd Neame Essex League.

Batting first, West Essex compiled 222 runs. Their innings was built around the big hitting of opener I. Riaz (139).

The innings opened with aggressive bowling from Dean Majeed (5-27) who took two wickets for Epping in successive balls in the third over.

In response, Epping's innings commenced with Jason Whiting in brutal form.

With good support from Majeed (39) and after hitting eight sixes and 13 fours, Whiting was finally run out having made 137 runs and effectively won the game for the Lower Bury Lane men. Epping, who now lie in fifth, finished on 224-6.

Fixtures

SATURDAY JULY 5

Cricket

Shepherd Neame Essex League, div two: Harlow v Hadleigh.

Div three: Epping v Ongar.

2nd XI, div two: Hutton v Harlow.

4th XI, div one: Fives v Harlow.

4th XI: Harlow v South Woodford.

Home Counties Premier League, div two east: Hemel Hempstead v Sawbridgeworth.

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Div five: Buntingford II v Harlow Tn II.

Div seven: Abridge v Potter Street II, Harlow Town III v Three Caps.

SUNDAY JULY 6

Herts County Cup, 2nd rnd: Bishop's v Stortford v Sawbridgeworth.

Green's maximum power

DAMIAN Green picked up an award for the most 180s in a season at the Harlow & District Premier Darts League's annual presentation night on Friday.

The Moot House Arrows player scored an impressive six maximums during the season and collected his award at the League event, held at the GPCA in Abercrombie Way, Harlow. CC Whites picked up the Handicap League title, while Servo Hawks were the overall league winners.

League's roll of honour for 2008:

Team champions

Colt Hatch SC - Mick McNally.

CC Foxes - Phil Cox.

CC Whites - Mick Rout.

Moot House - Clive Baker.

Moot House Arrows - Frank McGinlay.

Servo Hawks - Jeff Etherington.



PRIZE GUYS: At the Harlow & District Premier Darts League presentation evening are, from left, Vic Austin, Bill Nelmes, Darren Trowsdale, Barry Etherington, James Jennings, Janet Etherington, Tom Jennings, Paul Holloway, Rhys Devereux and Steve Devereux.

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Swift Arrows - Julie Verguson.

Swift Halts - Jill Bartholomew.

United Glass - Steve Dixon.

White Admiral - Gary Johnson.

Young Pretenders - Reece Barnett.

Highest finish of 170 - Dicky Smith (Young Pretenders).

Officials KO winner - Gary Barnett (Young Pretenders).

Mixed Pairs KO winners - Lin and Ron Green; runner-up - Tracey and Gary Barnett.

Handicap League runners-up - Young Pretenders.

Match/Team KO winners - Young Pretenders; runner-up - CC Whites.

KO Eights winners - White Admiral; runner-up - CC Foxes.

KO Fours winners - CC Whites; runner-up - CC Foxes.

KO Threes winners - Servo Hawks; runner-up - MH Arrows.

Ladies KO winner - Jill Bartholomew;

runner-up - Jackie McNally.

Singles Plate KO winner - Alec Anderson (UG Social); runner-up - Dicky Smith (Young Pretenders).

Pairs KO winners - Mick Rout and Alex Hogg (CC Whites); runner-up - Jeff Etherington and Billy Nelmes (Servo Hawks).

Singles KO winner - Mick McNally (Colt Hatch SC); runner-up - Jeff Etherington (Servo Hawks).

League championship runner-up - Young Pretenders.

Grays day for Davis



MOVING ON? Kenny Davis

HAWKS midfielder and fans' favourite **Kenny Davis** will find out next week if he has earned a contract at **Blue Square Premier club Grays Athletic**.

Harlow Town's Player of the Year spent this week on trial at the south Essex club.

Hawks boss Ryan Kirby said: "We may lose him. From my point of I never want to stand in the way if anyone wants to progress to a higher level."

"I hope he gets a contract. I think he is good enough. If he does it's a fantastic opportunity for Clark Akers to step in."

"I won't take it as a negative. It could

be Clark's season."

Meanwhile, the Harlow chief hopes to find out next week if his bid for two strikers has been successful.

The Hawks found goals hard to come by in their first season in the Ryman premier division last campaign and Kirby says his side must strengthen in this area.

The two players, who he refused to name, already play at a higher level but have been released by their clubs.

They have been offered deals at a higher level but the player-boss is hopeful they will come to Barrows Farm.

"I have spoken to two centre forwards. Both are interested in coming down and hopefully will be with us for pre-season."

"That's the key area for us and if we get them I think we will be alright."

Harlow Town face bogey side Brentwood Town in a friendly. The Hawks will visit the Brentwood Arena on Saturday August 9.

Prior to that, Kirby's men visit Waltham Abbey (Saturday August 2) before a trip to Hitchin Town on Tuesday August 5 (7.45pm).

The club will launch its new range of Joma kits by releasing a number of balloons from the Harvey Centre car park on Saturday July 12. Each one will carry a gift of free tickets for the friendlies against Southend (July 19) and Barnet (July 22) or a ticket for a free replica kit.

Super Stallions make it a treble

LANGLEY Colts Stallions added to their Harlow Star Youth Community League Under-9 title and League Cup wins with victory at a football festival in Bishop's Stortford.

The Stallions got off to a great start in the group section by defeating Bishop's Stortford Swifts 2-0 in a very competitive game.

The Stallions followed that victory with their only defeat of the day - and only goal conceded throughout the tournament - losing 1-0 to Bishop's Stortford Town.

Further group victories over Ware Youth (2-0),



TOP TEAM: Harlow's Langley Colts Stallions U-9s and management team which won a tournament in Bishop's Stortford at the weekend

Stevenage (2-0) and Bishop's Stortford Athletic (3-0) secured top spot in the group stages and saw the Stallions progress to the semi-final.

The Stallions then defeated club-mates Langley Colts

Trojans 1-0 to reach the final.

The Harlow side met Bishop's Stortford Town for a second time in the final.

The Stallions dominated the first half with some

excellent football and led 1-0 at half-time.

Town pushed on in the second half but the Stallions defence held firm and added a second just before the final whistle blew.

Butler urges beaten side to bounce back

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But there was little else for Harlow as the visitors were bowled out for 143.

With ball in hand, Harlow made two early breakthroughs to remove opener Ashley Leat (4) and third man Andy Fernandes (2).

But Yasir Ahmed's 80 took the game away from Harlow.

He was only dismissed when captain Butler introduced himself to the attack. His pace saw Ahmed caught at mid off.

When Harlow saw off Asif Bala, they had a sniff of victory but Walthamstow still managed to coast home.

Zap Nazir, Nick Baxter and Worthington picked up the other wickets.

Captain Butler said: "Walthamstow outplayed us in every department. They were the better side on the day by a distance."

"Rest assured, I will be bowling a lot more - it's easy!"

● HARLOW'S second team lost by 36 runs against Saffron Walden.

B. Jessey scored 84 for the visitors who put on 160 in reply to Walden's 196.

The team are third from bottom in division one.

In division one of the 3rd XI championship, Harlow (223-8d) lost by seven wickets to Westcliff-on-Sea (226-3). S. Gregory scored 62 for the hosts.

Harlow's fourth team (152) are still bottom of the west division after losing by 62 runs at Fives & Heronians (214-4d).

Sibling thrive-alry at athletics meeting

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But it was the performances of the 20-year-old Paxmans that took the most credit. "They were absolutely shattered on the way home - they were both fast asleep!" said Mrs Bauer.

Glen is in the second year of a degree at Brunel University, while his brother works for Essex County Council.

Meanwhile, Dave Bauer returned to competitive action after a tendon injury kept him out this season. He was 2nd in the A hammer (33.90m).

Full results were:-

Glen Paxman - A string 100m 11.7s (3rd); B 100m 11.9 (3rd); A 200m 24.3s (3rd); A 400m 51.9s (1st); A shot put 8.42m (4th, PB); A discus 24.90m (3rd, PB); B javelin 31.09 (1st); B long jump 5.71m (2nd, PB); A triple jump 11.41m (2nd); A high jump 1.40m (4th); A pole vault 1.30m (joint 3rd).

Carl Paxman - B 400m 53.6s (2nd); A javelin 36.86m (3rd); A long jump 6.33m (2nd); B triple jump 10.98m (1st, PB); B high jump 1.30m (4th).

Ty Roberts - B 200m 25.4s (4th).

Jamie Solomon - A 800m 2:10.3 (4th).

David Marriott - B 800m 2:39.5 (4th).

Chris Clark - B hammer 22.60m (2nd); B shot put 7.47m (3rd); B discus 22.91m (3rd).

4x100m relay - Marriott/Robert/G. Paxman/C. Paxman - 48.5s (4th).

4x400m relay - Marriott/Solomon/C. Paxman/G. Paxman - 3:51.0 (3rd).

Harlow are now 11th in the 16-team division.

The team is next in action on July 12 when they joint host a Southern League meeting with Herts Phoenix AC at Gosling Park in Welwyn Garden City.

Overall result: 1st, Stevenage North Herts 101 points; 2nd, Colchester 97.5; 3rd, Peterborough 82; 4th, Harlow 57.5.

To Beijing or not to Beijing for sportsmen

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"We are realistic about how hard it will be - the competition always steps up in Olympic year. But we are aiming to be there in the final as one of the crews that others are thinking they're going to have to beat if they are serious about wanting to get on to the medal podium."

Nethercott will be joined in Beijing by former Passmores School pupil Peter Cousins, who has qualified for the Great Britain judo team.



ON THE FRONT FUT: The Potter Street team, front from left, Chris Grove, Jake Knight, Adam Dalby, Tony Gay. Back from left, Brad Devonshire, Tony Smith, Mickey Kennedy (s)

Potter Street Fut final bill

IT may be the football close season but some of Potter Street's footballers kept up their success by qualifying for the last 16 of the FA Umbro Futsal Cup.

The Harlow team, who won the LFC Insurance Essex Olympian League senior division one title and the Denny King Memorial Cup, now join 15 other teams in the national final, to be held at Sheffield on July 14.

They qualified after winning a regional stage in Bethnal Green, East London.

Potter Street beat another Harlow team called Jennings 6-3, then drew 3-3 with a team of Brazilian players called Kickers to win a group stage, before overcoming Bath FC 6-5 in the final.

Oakes polishes off club-mates

Bowls

JIMMY Oakes and his Harlow Bowls Club team will play Grays BC for a place in the semi-finals of the Essex fours competition tomorrow (Friday).

His side beat another team from Harlow Bowls Club, skipped by John Anderson, in the last 16.

Oakes' team, made up of Neville Scott, Terry Neslem and Steve Tucker, will face the south Essex team at Haynes Park BC in the last eight.

Oakes also competed in the Essex pairs competition, alongside Harlow club-mate Gordon Howell.

However, the duo lost out to Geoff Gasson and 2007 England singles winner Andy Squire, from Maldon BC, in the last 16.

In a close encounter between the two pairs, Oakes and Howell went down by just a single shot.

Harlow's Steven Mitchinson (Romford Bowls Club), progressed in both county triples and the county fours.

If these teams win their respective finals they will represent Essex at the All-England Championships in Worthing later this summer.

Meanwhile, Harlow Bowls Club hosted Ilford in the first round of the Essex County Shield and won by 28 shots over the four rinks.

In the London and Southern Counties Shield second round, Harlow lost to Elm Park by one shot.

'Help our club'

RISDEN Wood FC are looking for new people to come on board and help move the club forward.

The Harlow & District Football League side which runs three men's teams, wants people with first aid experience, those who like to organise functions or become linesmen to inject new ideas into the club.

Contact the secretary Joe Ferreira on 07778 434079.

Debut fighters have Edge in kickbox contest

A GROUP of Harlow kickboxers returned from a national tournament in Berkshire with a batch of medals.

Eleven fighters from The Edge Martial Arts Studio in Southern Way competed in the British and International Kickboxing and Martial Arts Association British Championships, held at the Bracknell Leisure Centre in Reading.

Many of the group were making their competitive debuts.

Each bout involved two two-minute rounds of continuous contact with scores compiled at the



ON THE UP: The Edge Martial Arts Studio team which attended a national tournament. Back from left, Matthew Harrison, Matthew Marriage, Loic Jassaud, Danny Draper, Vincent Crew. Front from left, Scott Newhouse, Alessio Caruso, Kate Edmondson, Amy and Sarah Catherall (s)

end of the match.

Sisters Amy and Sarah Catherall picked up medals after a win and a draw respectively.

There was also a victory for Danny Draper, while the club's youngest fighter, 14-year-old

Alessio Caruso was runner-up in his category.

Matthew Harrison was also runner-up and Loic Jassaud and Vincent Crew drew their matches.

Others attending the

tournament included Scott Newhouse, Matthew Marriage and Kate Edmondson.

The Edge spokeswoman Lynn Woolhead said: "I was very proud of the team who have trained extremely hard to get to

the point of competition. They showed amazing team spirit, manners, discipline and dedication, supporting, encouraging and motivating each other. They are a credit to our club and their families."

Conway overcomes Olympic frustration

JUDO by
ALAN SCOTT

JUDO star Sally Conway is taking out her Beijing Olympics frustration by continuing to shine on the international stage.

The North Weald fighter, the daughter of Harlow-based martial arts instructor Mark Conway, narrowly missed out on a place in the Great Britain judo squad for this summer's Games in China.

Former Passmore School student Peter Cousins made the squad but Conway was desperately unlucky to miss out.

Conway is competing in Germany this weekend.

Last week she finished 9th at the Dax Cup in Slovenia, winning two matches and losing two.

Recently Conway clinched a silver medal in the women's Super A tournament in Hamburg, Germany.

This result pushed her up to 14th in the European rankings.

The British Judo Association has included Conway in a 12-strong squad of potential 2012 Olympic Games judoka, who will visit the Olympic village in Beijing as preparation for the London Games.

Meanwhile, Conway has funded three tournaments herself on the Continent.

She claimed a silver medal in Italy, where she lost in the final to an Hungarian rival who was preparing for Beijing.

Afterwards she participated in a



COMEBACK QUEEN: Judo star Sally Conway (s)

training camp which involved Cubans, Germans and Hungarians all preparing for the Olympics.

The other events were in Slovenia and Germany.

Her main target this year is the U-23 European Championships in November. Last year she came away with the bronze medal in this event.

Last week Conway returned to The Edge Martial Arts Studio at the Latton Bush centre in Southern Way, which is run by her father.

She took time out to train some Harlow-based Under-8 judo players while there.

● THE Edge Martial Arts Studio in association with Active Harlow has launched a Girls Into Sport initiative for 13- to 19-year-olds.

This is subsidised by Harlow Council's Sports Development Fund.

For more information contact 07899 951723.

Top player Alice in wonderland

AWARD WINNERS: Crosskeys Netball Club players, from left, Caitlin Jackson-Corbett, Frankie Hitch, Alice Boulton, Georgia Das, Anna Wacey, Emma Fuller (s)



ALICE Boulton won the Player of the Year award at Crosskeys Netball Club's annual presentation night.

Other prizewinners were Caitlin Jackson-Corbett – coach award; Frankie Hitch – newcomer; Georgia Das – most promising netballer; Anna Wacey – Players' Player; and Emma Fuller – most improved player.

The club is based at Mark Hall Sportcentre in Harlow.

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Quintet shine in National League meeting

FIVE local athletes helped Woodford Green & Essex Ladies Athletic Club to 5th place in a Southern Premier Division meeting in the National Junior League (under-20s).

North Weald's Jessica Docking (17) was carrying a slight virus but still placed 8th in the 3,000m in 11 mins, 51 secs.

She then won the B string 1,500m steeplechase in 5:57.

Billy Falconer (15) competing as a non-scoring 2nd claim member, leapt 1.80m in the high jump.

This was the highest any U-17 athlete recorded on the day.

In the A 400m, a time of 53.6s placed Mark Hall School's Tom Larkin (15) take 8th.

Epping's Kat Foy (17) placed 8th in the A string 400m (63.1s).

Dan Yaxley (15) placed 6th in the B string 3,000m in 10:31.

Sawbo thrash Herts

DANNY Wilson's Sawbridgeworth cricket team warmed up for Sunday's Herts County Cup clash with neighbours Bishop's Stortford by thrashing West Herts at Town Fields on Saturday.

The result moved Sawbo up to second in the Home Counties Premier League division two east table, their best placing since 2005.

Paul Reed and Ryan Cunningham claimed four wickets each as West Herts were dispatched for a poor 93.

With bat in hand, James Runciman found his best form since joining Sawbo this year.

He hit 47 as the hosts reached 95-2 to win by eight wickets.

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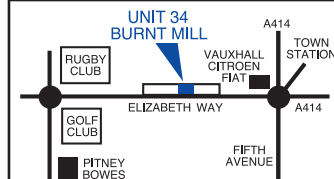
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Butler urges beaten side to bounce back

SKIPPER James Butler has urged his Harlow side to bounce straight back after the leaders' unbeaten run was shattered by mid-table Walthamstow.

The captain wants an immediate response at home to fourth-placed Hadleigh on Saturday.

"We have to pick ourselves up and play some positive cricket as we now have nothing to lose.

"There is in my mind, no difference between third place and third from bottom, so we will be playing with no fear of failure and just enjoy ourselves."

On a pitch that looked likely to get worse as the day wore

Harlow 143, Walthamstow 147-4

Harlow lost by six wickets (Shepherd Neame Essex League, division two)

on, Butler chose to bat first. But his plan quickly went awry as home captain Greg Harris pinned back openers Nilesh Odedra and Nick Butler, before dismissing James Butler and Kiwi Tom Worthington.

A 50+ partnership between youngsters Haroon Khan (37) and Waqas Akhtar (33) got Harlow back on track in the face of some good pace bowling.

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To Beijing, or not to Beijing

Contrasting Olympic fortunes for top sportsmen

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THE countdown to the Olympic Games has begun in earnest but the fortunes of two Harlow sportsmen could not be more different.

While former Mark Hall School pupil Acer Nethercott spent this week in the Great Britain rowing squad's high-altitude training camp in Austria as he gets used to the conditions he will face in China, athlete Andrew Osagie has been forced to miss out on the Olympic trials on July 12-13.

The Harlow Athletic Club 800m runner has been dogged by a foot injury since last year.

He made a comeback in the spring but a recurrence of the foot injury forced him to pull out of competition.

A later scan revealed a break and this has kept him out for three months.

The former Leventhorpe School pupil, now at St Mary's University in London, has battled back however, and should



GOOD NEWS AND BAD: Acer Nethercott, left, and Andrew Osagie

return to competitive action at the end of this month.

That will be too late for the Olympics.

The 20-year-old must instead concentrate on the UK Athletics Championships in September.

It is frustrating for Osagie, who has made huge progress in his running in the last two years.

Osagie, who also competes in the 400m, beat Great Britain rival Richard Hill at the BUSA Championship in 2007 and without injury he would arguably be heading to Beijing.



Certainly the athletics world rates him as one of the future stars of British running.

Harlow Athletic Club secretary Catherine Bauer told **Star Sport**: "It's gutting for him, but he is still only 20. He came back in March or April and it went again. It's the old injury. He is hoping it won't be too long for him to come back."

Osagie was also forced to miss last weekend's European Cup, a competition he had firmly in his sights in June 2007 when he represented England in

Bratislava.

It is in stark contrast to Great Britain rowing eight's cox Nethercott.

The 30-year-old, who coxed the GB team to victory in the World Cup in Poland last month, emailed **Star Sport** from his training camp in Austria.

He said: "This is my first Olympics. I broke into the team in 2005 after my [University] Boat Races, and have been coxing the GB 8+ ever since.

"The Beijing Olympics will be for us the culmination of a four-year project that started way back in 2005 at the beginning of this Olympiad, and so it's something we're getting really excited about.

"And then in addition to it being the culmination of four years' worth of work, it is, of course, the Olympics, the greatest sporting event on the planet. To be a part of that is going to be amazing. It's something I'm massively looking forward to.

"Most of our crews are going out there with realistic dreams of a least a medal. That goes for my crew - the men's eight - as much as any other.

"We won the bronze medal at last year's World Championships and won the World Cup series of regattas in Europe this summer.

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It's sibling thrive-ally!

TWIN brothers Carl and Glen Paxman produced super-human efforts in Harlow Athletic Club's Southern League match on Saturday.

The division three north match at Peterborough saw the siblings compete in no fewer than 20 events.

Glen competed in 12 events amassing 23.5 points, while Carl took part in eight and amassed 15 points.

The Harlow team was severely depleted. Brian Cannon, Derek Glover, Craig Snook, Scott Daniel, Lloyd Ellis and John Evans were unable to attend due to work commitments.

Ian Smith is still sidelined with a hamstring injury, while Paul Avontuur was moving home.

This left a team of seven comprising of the Paxmans, Dave Bauer, Chris Clark, Ty Roberts, Jamie Solomon and David

Marriott.

Due to the shortage of team members Harlow were unable to cover all the events as there were no 5000m or steeplechase runners and the club were missing some throwers and jumpers.

Despite this the team put up a brave fight in the toughest match of the season against the two top teams in the league, Colchester and Stevenage North Herts, plus hosts Peterborough.

Conditions were also very windy, leading to slow times in the sprints.

Glen Paxman's tally included personal bests in the shot put, discus and long jump. Meanwhile, Carl gained a PB in the triple jump.

David Marriott ran as a non-scorer in the 400m in a new PB of 56.3s - an excellent result for a 15-year-old.

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